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Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The funeral of Horace Greeley to-day was a tribute befitting the memory of a man whose life and character have so strong a hold on the affection of the American people. The dense throng at the church; the long and solemn procession; the endless multitudes lining Broadway; the draped horses and flags; the tolling bells and the final rites at Greenwood, combined to form the most impressive obsequies in the history of the metropolis. The floral contributions that poured in from all sides were unexampled in number and novelty of design. Among the flowers resting on the coffin, to-day, was a large cross from General B. F. Butler.

The carriage containing President Grant was an object of interest to the immense crowds of people on the sidewalks. He was dressed in black broadcloth, with black silk tie. His demeanor throughout was grave and without the least demonstration. His presence at the funeral was regarded, of course, as inspired by motives of nobility, and more warm hearted things were said about him to-day by disinterested people than at any other time since he was first elected.

Dr. Krackowizer denies that he adopted any heroic course in treating Mr. Greeley's case. He prescribed nothing but bromide of potassium in small doses to induce sleep. The Doctor advised that the patient should be cared for at Chappequa, but Mr. Greeley refused so peremptorily to go there. For about ten days before the fatal manic appeared, he was in a state of profound melancholy, taking an abnormally gloomy view of his present and future. He sat brooding and disinclined to answer any questions. The Doctor says his death was chiefly due to overworking the brain during the campaign tour.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The distribution of tickets for admission to Mr. Greeley's obsequies was made at the Common Council Chamber this morning, to the distinguished personages invited upon. Presidents Grant's tickets being sent to him at his hotel, and thereafter, at about 10:30 o'clock, the party took carriages and left for the church, according to the programme. Broadway was lined with spectators awaiting the funeral procession, and flags were suspended at half-mast from nearly all the buildings on either side of the whole length of the thoroughfare.

The number of applicants for tickets of admission to witness the funeral services at Dr. Chapin's church was enormous. The church will accommodate 1,800 persons in all. Many prominent personages had great difficulty in procuring cards. Some persons offered high prices for tickets, but found none. Several prominent journalists arrived last evening from Philadelphia and other cities, among whom was Colonel Forney, to take part in the obsequies.

The interior of the Church of the Divine Fraternity, where Mr. Greeley's obsequies are held, presented a sombre and beautiful appearance. Outside of the church were throngs waiting in respectful silence. Police stood in front of the church as a guard. The church was opened at about half-past 10, although ladies had previously been admitted and filled the galleries. During the hour which elapsed before the arrival of the procession, a strain of music was discoursed by the choir.

Among the first celebrities to arrive were Governor Hoffman, President Grant, and Roscoe Conkling; soon after entered, and immediately following them, were Henry Wilson, Minister Washburne, and Secretary Belknap, who sat at the right of the pulpit. There were also General Schurz, Lyman Trumbull, and Vice President Colfax, who took a seat near the President. The crowds outside extended as far as the eye could reach on either side on Fifth avenue, awaiting the arrival of the procession. At 11 o'clock the procession started from Mr. Sinclair's house on Forty-fifth street. Many affecting scenes took place there during the morning. Mr. Greeley's daughters were inconsolable in their grief. The corpse was borne by ten men, next came the chief mourners, then the *Tribune* Association, and next the *Herald* Club. Following the corpse, the mourners, and the *Tribune* and *Herald* Associations, came in succession the military and civil officers, according to the programme.

The church had been appropriately decorated. Over the door in front hung a flag draped up with black. In the vestibule was a portrait of Greeley with crape around the frame. The screen behind the pulpit was covered with black cloth, hanging in graceful folds and relieved by festoons, while from the top of it depended graceful strings of smilax. The pulpit itself and rail in front were fully draped. Drapery ran around the front of the galleries and from brackets to brackets along the side walls. Lengths of serge drooped from the centre of the ceiling to the spring of each arch, twined about columns and hung from the pinnacles of the organ. The clock, stopped at 10 minutes before 7, the hour of Greeley's death, was surrounded with black, and above it, in a green wreath, was a white cross of flowers. The pew Mr. Greeley used to occupy about midway of the north aisle, next the wall, was draped with crape. The figure in flowers of a lyre with broken strings, hung at the head. The seat was thickly strewn with white flowers, camellias being placed in the spot which Greeley himself used to occupy. This pew will be left empty for thirty days. The most remarkable decorations of the church, however, were the flowers. There was a beautiful appropriateness and personal significance in many of the devices which surrounded his bier. At the back of the pulpit, under the words: "It is done," with which his great life closed, was a wreath of ripened wheat, a fit emblem of the rich harvest the keen sickle of Death had so lately reaped. Below this was a shield of white flowers, with the arms of the State of New York in purple blossoms, the gift of the Common Council. Still below the last, an axe and a pen were arranged in the form of a cross. A magnificent arch of white flowers, presented by the ladies of Dr. Chapin's congregation, spanned the pulpit over the speaker's head. On its white ground was wrought in crimson blossoms the legend: "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth." Indeed, these words and the "It is done," were repeated again and again in decorations, in all sorts of devices.

At the right of the pulpit stood another gift from the Common Council, a large stand, of which the whole top was composed of the choicest flowers, rosebuds and camellias, and tuberoses, surmounted by a crown wrought from the same lovely blossoms. A similar stand and crown was the gift of Mayor Hall, and another came from the Lincoln Club. The Union the Union League, and the Herald Clubs were represented appropriate offerings. From the German Greeley and Brown Club came an immense quill, wrought in the choicest flowers. One of the most remarkable of the tributes was a plow composed of camellias and white roses with a ground-work of violets and other modest blossoms. This beautiful design was the gift of the *Tribune* employes. Among the most conspicuous offerings was a magnificent floral tablet, three and a half feet wide, standing about six feet from the floor, and presenting the appearance of a picture, supported by columns, of which the frame consisted of violets and tea rose buds. The ground of the tablet was formed of choicest white flowers, inscribed at the top with the words, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." On the reverse were the letters "H. G.," and the motto "In memoriam." The inscriptions were in red flowers. This tablet was presented by the "Tribune Association." About the coffin itself were arranged gifts of the choicest kind from personal friends. The air was full of the sweet breath of flowers. They were thick under the foot which trod so reverently as they bore him away. They filled every available space with their beauty.

Among the significant emblems displayed at the funeral was a simple wreath of dry leaves with violets interwined, sent by Whitelaw Reid to the Misses Greeley with a brief expression of sympathy. The Misses Greeley with their own hands bound the wreath about the coffin of their father, as from one who to the last had his confidence and love.

Thurlow Weed was a pall-bearer at his own request. Dudley S. Gregory, also a pall-bearer, was the man who loaned Mr. Greeley the thousand dollars with which he started the *Tribune*.

At twenty minutes past 11 o'clock the procession entered the church. The solemnity of the scene was most impressive. The stillness was such that it seemed as though the people in the church scarcely breathed. Prominent among those who slowly wound their way up the central aisle were Thurlow Weed, William M. Evarts, Mayor Hall, with the present Postmaster General Creswell, General Dix, ex-Governor Morgan, General Sheridan, Governor Randolph, of New Jersey, and a Committee from the Union League Club.

Rev. Dr. Chapin opened the ceremonies by reading an appropriate selection from the Scriptures. Miss Clara Louise Kellogg next sang, very touchingly, "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth," after which Henry Ward Beecher delivered the funeral oration, speaking substantially as follows:

"When men have filled the household of God with their presence, it is not surprising that we miss them, when they leave us forever, and yet they are constantly, like in the present case, going from us and others are being called upon by means of heavenly impulse to take their places in the great cause of God's truth. The occasion, my friends, is a solemn and sublime one, and we forget the strife and contest of the world, that strife that separated us politically in the affairs of the nation; and I join in this meeting to weep over the remains of him who is now in our presence, soon to be taken from us, but whose memory shall live forever in the annals of his country. Who is this man whom we are here to-day to commemorate? For thirty years he has filled the land with the greatest controversy. He was a man of war, and yet he died without civic honors, a private citizen. And yet we honor him, one and all. The President of the United States and his officers are here, and bow in silence to the will of God in taking from us our great brother. A little time ago, and we were in the midst of a fierce battle, with the great dead the leader of one side, and yet he now lies lifeless before us. It is because the man was something more than a professional man so good and noble as he had few competers. It is for these reasons that we assemble here to mourn the loss of Horace Greeley.

"For thirty years he built for himself no outward monument, no estate, but here to-day, between the oceans, there is not a man who has not felt the effects of the labors of Horace Greeley. What matters it that, in the conflict over political economy, he should be upon side and you on another? I say it is enough that he has given his life blood for the good and to the purposes of nobler manhood. To-day we are all speaking kindly and sorrowfully for him. Think of those conflicts in which you forget humanity; out of which you have come, and summon your charity now you that have been battling on the other side. After a long and tempestuous voyage, he has reached shore, and angels will welcome him to their outstretched arms. Let us hope that when we die, angels will open the gates for us to the glory of the Lord. After the address of Mr. Beecher, which continued but a few moments, "Sleep the last sleep" was rendered in a beautiful manner by a quartette from St. Francis Xavier's Church.

The Rev. E. H. Chapin then spoke as follows:

One month ago, many who are now present met in this place to express our sympathy with one who sat with pallid face and quivering lips, a heart-stricken mourner over his wife. To-day, as in the freshness of his quiet sorrow himself, he is to lie by her side. The shadow of death through which he was passing has scarcely cleared him. Such is Providence, that checks all human operations, and makes life a continual surprise. I cannot attempt here to now unfold the life or estimate the worth of Horace Greeley. Such an attempt would on one hand be premature, and on the other unnecessary. Premature because the traits and lessons of a great life can but be reviewed when the grief and excitement have ceased. This work ought to be done, and I trust will be done, in the utterances that will be memorial service, which will demand and receive a much wider hearing than I can give it. To speak of Horace Greeley's worth is unnecessary; it has already been done. There have been but few instances in our history where expressions of regret and regard have been so spontaneous, so universal, and so similar. These eulogies that pour in so thick and fast from every part of the land are not the work of artificial rhetoric. They are genuine. The tears are not those shed to-day, by country firesides and in distant cities, as beneath the shadowing drapery of this house, from which he is so soon to go out forever. They represent no invisible sympathy, but represent the people's thought, and are twined about the people's heart, bearing witness to a career of honest purpose. And why this reverential regard for the memory of Mr. Greeley? It is not for his mere intellectual ability, large and invaluable as it was. It is because he was an high officer, for Horace Greeley held no official station. The will of the people expressed through the Electoral College to-day decides that he should hold no such station. To-day the will of God elects him to a place from which all human ones look small and dim. Why is it then? It is the magnetism of simple goodness. Mr. Greeley's heart was as large as his brain. His love for humanity was inherent. He touched all sides of humanity, so to speak. The hundreds of poor toil-worn men, who pressed through the crowd, to take a last look at that worn countenance, were moved by no mere curiosity. They came there not to gaze upon the face of the great journalist or politician, but because he had always been the poor man's friend, the sympathetic companion of the workingmen who had struggled through their experiences and and never forgot their claims. All his public acts were directed by the same impulses, and it enlisted him in the service of very many causes. Not only did it inspire his life-long war with oppression, vice, and wickedness of every kind, but it made him unspeakably generous. Perhaps he erred on the side of mercy against justice, but if a man must err at all that is a good side to err on. Whatever may have been the mistakes of him who lies dead before us, there was no mistake in the main current of the principles which characterized his life, and therein is a lesson for us also.

How faithfully he did his work and lead his life, it is superfluous for me to say. It was an eminently practical one. What various interests of art, of labor, of education, of temperance, of domestic policy, of freedom, go mourning for him to-day. Wielding the mighty power of the mightiest engine of the times, placed in the editorial chair that he was it is no light thing to say that however strongly some may think that privately he used his pen as an instrument of his thoughts and principles, he never debased it as a stimulus of impurity, or made it the vehicle of a single social wrong. While Horace Greeley had made many antagonists, he had few, if any, enemies. And may I not, without violating any of the proprieties of this occasion, express my satisfaction that, while political differences lay seated within these enclosed lids, the highest representative of the nation to-day here lowers his head in honor of the thinker, the worker, the patriot, and man.

(Attempted applause, which was suppressed.)

The address was followed by earnest prayer and another hymn, "Angels ever bright and fair."

The Rev. Mr. Chapin then pronounced the benediction, and the choir sung a most beautiful and touching chant, "Rest in the Lord," after which the procession moved down Fifth avenue in the following order, the police having previously cleared the roadway from curb to curb:

Mounted Police,
Broadway Squad,
Superintendent Kelso,
Mayor Hall,
Inspection Dilks and Walling,
Fourth Precinct Police, Captain Ulman,
One Hundred Members of the Fire Department, under Command of Engineer Shay,
Rev. Dr. Pullman officiating clergyman at the grave,
The pall-bearers, Chief Justice Chase, Senator Trumbull, Thurlow Weed, J. Chamberlin, Rev. Dr. Bright, Wm. Orton, D. W. Bruce, Sindall Tonsey, Dudley S. Gregory, E. J. Johnson,
Hon. William M. Evarts, John F. Wilson,
Same, Senator Fenton, Hon. Erastus Brooks, Robert Bonner, R. M. Hoe, Peter Baker, J. G. Eggenbody, Charles Storrs, and John R. Storrs,
Hearse,
Lizzie Ida, and Gabrielle Greeley, and other mourners in carriages.

The President of the United States, Vice President Colfax, and Vice President-elect Henry Wilson, in an open landau, surrounded by fifty police-men as a guard of honor.
Governor Hoffman and Governors of adjoining States
The *Tribune* Editorial and Reportorial Staff.
Typographical Society.
Union League Club.
Members of the Common Council.
Heads of Departments.
Distinguished officials from adjoining States, in carriages, two deep, to the number of eighty-five.
Members of the Liberal Republican General Committee.
Union Republican General Committee.
Tammany Hall General Committee.
Sinnet Cameron Association.
Sons of Temperance.
Delegates from the Arcadian, Lotos, Harmony, and Rural Clubs, and American Institute.
Citizens generally.

No music was in the line. The procession, as it slowly moved down the avenue, presented a magnificently imposing appearance.

The door-steps of all the houses along the avenue, without exception, were thickly crowded. The windows and balconies were full, and the hotels, club-houses, and public buildings of all kinds presented a sea of human faces. The gathering was greater than the multitude which welcomed the Grand Duke Alexis as he watched the funeral of Abraham Lincoln. From the Dr. Chapin's Church to Madison Square, a distance of just a mile, the avenue was nearly blockaded. On the outer edge of the sidewalk the crowd was huddled two and three deep, and on the walk within there was barely room to pass. In Madison Square and on the space before the Fifth Avenue Hotel, the concourse was still greater.

All along Broadway, from Fourteenth street, through which the procession moved, to Hamilton Ferry, there was a dense throng of people. About Bowling Green, the Battery, and the Ferry-house, the crowd stood patiently waiting.

On the Brooklyn side, the same scenes were repeated. Along Union street to Fourth avenue, and down the avenue to the cemetery, stretched the wonderful double lines of watchers. At Greenwood there was a still more surprising sight. Here an enormous concourse had gathered, standing about the entrance gates and fringing the winding roads, and concentrating about the open grave, so that the mourners, when they arrived, had the greatest difficulty in following the hearse.

About one hundred and twenty carriages followed the remains to Greenwood. The body was deposited in Mr. Greeley's lot. There were no ceremonies of any kind further than laying the body in its last resting-place.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—From an examination of Mrs. Greeley's will, it appears that she appointed Mr. Greeley executor and Ida Greeley executrix. She bequeaths to her husband all her pictures and statuary, a rare and valuable collection, and instructs Ida Greeley to appropriate $100 for the purchase of some additional memento of her affection for her husband. In case of Mr. Greeley's dying or marrying again, Mrs. Greeley's real estate is not to be sold nor the principal of the property used by either of the children without the joint consent of Ida Greeley and Judge Hart. Mrs. Greeley had a policy of life insurance on Mr. Greeley's life to the amount of $10,000 to $20,000 also, it is stated, some *Tribune* shares and various other stocks, beside the real estate.

The *Herald* proposes a press fund for the endowment of the children of the late Mr. Greeley, and offers $1,000 as its own subscription.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The *Tribune* to-morrow publishes the following:

ARKSBURY, 24 Twelfth Month, 1872.

My Dear Friend E. H. Chapin:

If it be agreeable to my wife, I would be present at the last services of love and respect for our dear and mutual friend, Horace Greeley. My heart is full of sadness. The events of thirty years crowd upon me—all things wherein we have acted together or differed, as friend differ, without impeachment of motive or decrease of respect. All that time I have known him as the educator of the people in liberty, temperance, integrity, economy, and industry, uniformly taking the side of the poor against or the suffering of every color and nationality. When I heard of his death there mingled with my grief a feeling of gratitude that I had been preserved from saying one word through partisan zeal or difference of opinion which could add bitterness to his life; that I had none of the late remorse over the dead for unkindness to the living, which is one of the saddest burdens of humanity. I could not refrain from the hasty expression of my sympathy with one who, perhaps more than any other, has enjoyed the love and confidence of the great editor. No words of praise are needed. They would be lost in the general eulogy. With common consent, he will take his place in the Valhalla of American worthies, as one of the greatest and best.

I am truly thy friend,

(Signed) JOHN G. WHITTIER.

DES MOINES, Dec. 4.—Many of the buildings in this city were draped in mourning, and the flags on the Government, State, and private buildings hung at half-mast to-day in honor of the funeral obsequies of Horace Greeley.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 4.—The flags on the steamboats at the landing to-day were lowered and floated at half-mast, out of respect to the memory of Horace Greeley.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 4.—Both Houses of the Legislature adopted resolutions of respect to the memory of Mr. Greeley.

BOSTON, Dec. 4.—The flags on public and private buildings are displayed at half-mast to-day in respect to the memory of Horace Greeley. The Board of Trade passed a resolution highly eulogistic of the founder of the *Tribune*.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 4.—The Senate to-day adopted resolutions expressive of the eminent services of Mr. Greeley, and sympathy to the bereaved family, and then adjourned in respect to his memory, during the progress of the obsequies.

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 4.—The flags on the Capitol, *Journal* office, Park Hotel, and Villas House were at half-mast to-day, in honor of Horace Greeley, during his funeral obsequies.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Despatches from many cities in New England and the Middle States, to-day, say that the flags were placed at half-mast, bells tolled, and appropriate services held, in memory of Mr. Greeley.

The applications for tickets to Dr. Chapin's Church, to-day, exceeded 15,000, and the number of tickets issued was 1,500 in excess of the capacity of the house. Many thousands visited the church after the services to inspect the decorations.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 4.—The flags of the newspaper offices were at half-mast to-day, in honor of Horace Greeley.

BOSTON, Dec. 4.—The Massachusetts House of Representatives to-day passed resolutions eulogistic of Greeley and sympathy for his bereaved daughters. The resolutions were sent to the Senate under a suspension of the rules.

The Horse Disease.

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 4.—The epizootic having disabled the horses of the Fire Department, the citizens have formed themselves into companies to pull the engines in case of fire.

MADISON, Dec. 4.—Gentlemen here from Northwestern Wisconsin say the epizootic has paralyzed logging operations, and, owing to the difficulty of getting to work, will greatly diminish the log product of the winter. Here two horses died of disease last night, but it is abating, and most of the horses are doing well.

ZANESVILLE, O., Dec. 4.—The epizootic is assuming a fatal form, several valuable horses having died since Sunday.

LITTLE ROCK, Dec. 4.—The epizootic has reached here in a mild form. Cloudy and cool.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 4.—Weather clear and mild, favorable to the epizootic. The cases are generally improving, and but few are fatal.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 4.—The horse distemper has spread somewhat to-day, and a few cases are reported in some street railroad stables and among private horses, but the malady has not yet assumed a violent form nor has business been interrupted in the slightest degree. The sick horses in the Transfer Company's stables, both here and in East St. Louis, are improving, and but few new cases are reported to-day.

DUBUQUE, Dec. 4.—The horse disease in this city is gradually disappearing. There have been but few fatal cases. The Street Railway Company expects to resume running on Saturday. The disease seems to be more severe in the country. Reports are received daily of its appearance in interior towns. At Waterloo, a crowd at a funeral, drawn by two men, conveyed a prominent physician of that place on his daily rounds. Oxen are very extensively used.

Railroad News.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 4.—The Ionia & Stanton Railroad has been formally consolidated with the Detroit, Lansing & Lake Michigan Railroad, and will be operated as one of its branches.

WASHINGTON.

The New Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

Debate in the House on the Proposed Naval Increase.

The Credit Mobilier Matter to Be Investigated After the Holidays.

The Administration Wants a Leader in the House.

Cameron Again Makes Himself Odious.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

A DAY TOO LATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.—Mr. Harry Lott, who was the Custom House candidate for Congress in the Fourth District of Louisiana, to fill a vacancy which has existed for a year past, has arrived in the city, and his credentials were presented to the House to-day. If he has any valid claim to the seat, he is in an unfortunate fix. His competitor, Mr. Boarman, got a day the start of him, and was yesterday sworn in upon a certificate in due form signed by Governor Warmoth—nobody objecting. All that Mr. Lott can now do is to go before the Committee on Elections and make a contest, but the session will in all probability expire before the Committee can explore the terrible muddle of Louisiana politics, sufficiently to satisfy themselves as to who is fairly entitled to the seat. Mr. Lott may as well go home and save himself the expense and trouble of a contest. His credentials are of a very unsatisfactory character. They consist of a certificate signed by F. J. Herron, Secretary of State, that he was duly elected, and a document signed by John Lynch, J. Hough, James Longstreet, and Jacob Hawkins, who compose what is known as the "Custom House Returning Board." These gentlemen certify that Lott's majority was 3,456, as estimated from official statements made by the United States Supervisor of Elections, and from other evidence on file in the Clerk's office of the United States Circuit Court. The members of this Returning Board appear to possess a surprising knack at figuring, as also to estimate a majority with such exactitude. The fact that they make no mention of any returns, except those made by the Federal Supervisors, induces the belief that there was a good deal of Federal interference in the Louisiana election, stimulated by the Custom House.

In National politics, Mr. Lott is an Administration man, and Mr. Boarman is a Liberal Republican, who was supported by all the elements opposed to the Custom House faction.

SIMON CAMERON

resumed the brilliant tactics to-day which he set in operation yesterday, and moved an adjournment of the Senate before the echoes of the prayer of the eloquent Chaplain had died away in the Chamber. Many of the Republican Senators affect to be mystified by this action on the part of Cameron, although it is noticeable that they generally vote for whatever he suggests. So many Senators were absent in attendance at the funeral of Horace Greeley that it would have been hard to have obtained a quorum for business.

WANT A LEADER.

The twin Administration organs here this morning were out in editorials demanding that the House shall have a leader. They point to the action of the Senate, yesterday, as showing that this body has a ruling mind, and instances the conduct of the House, in refusing to accept the resignation of General Banks, as evidence that it is under the influence of erratic impulses. That most confidential organ, the *Republican*, closes its articles as follows:

When Republican after Republican took the floor to condole with Mr. Banks, it is rank treason to his party and to the Administration, and the Republican who voted to continue him at the head of one of the most important committees in the House; when the Republican members, fresh from the most terrific struggle in the campaign, who have applauded one of Mr. James Brooks, of New York, and followed his counsel, it was clear as the noonday sun that the mantle of "the Great Commoner" is still too large for the shoulders of any man on the Republican bench. It may be the gentleman who have their eyes on the possibility of 1876 to think and act in this way, but we would remind them that it is not the way to maintain a great party to prepare it for victories in the future. Mr. Banks is nothing in this contest, but the Republican party is everything. Kindness and courtesy and sympathy for him may prove defeat to it. Was it for this that Pennsylvania rolled up 140,000 majority? We need a leader in the House.

THE STEAMBOAT BILL,

which was hung up in the Conference Committee last session, will be among the earliest of that class of legislation to come up the present winter. It will not be reached, however, until after the holidays. A delegation of steamboatmen from the principal Western river cities have informed General Negley, who has charge of the bill, that they will be on here in a few days to look after the matter. This delegation was appointed at the last meeting of the Steamboat Association, for the purpose of urging upon Congress the necessity of passing the present bill. Much of the opposition to this bill will be withdrawn, in view of the fact that many of the steamboatmen have already been put to the expense of purchasing the patent appliances for which provision was made therein. The Treasury Department, however, will have many amendments and suggestions to submit to the improvement of the bill before it can become a law.

CAUCUS.

The Senate Caucus Committee has concluded its labors, and will report to the Republican Caucus to-morrow. The changes made, in which there is any public interest, were all anticipated last night. The Liberal Republicans have been classified with numerals, and their assignments on the Committees have been generally left to the latter party. Senator Sumner indicates his satisfaction at being left off from all Committees in which there is any laborious or important work.

CREDIT MOBILIER.

Although the Credit Mobilier Investigating Committee was selected by a Democrat—Sam Cox, at the time acting as Speaker *pro tem.*, a Democratic members of Congress generally do not like the Committee as it now stands. They say, that with the exception of Mr. Merrick, of Maryland, the Committee is interested in one way or another in making the investigation as much a matter of form as possible. On the other hand, Republican Congressmen are of the opinion that the action of the House in allowing the Committee to be appointed under the circumstances was one of the most magnanimous things in the history of parties. The Committee will not get regularly to work until after the holidays.

PUBLIC PRINTING.

The estimates of the public printing for the next fiscal year are two millions of dollars. This will include the cost of printing and binding, besides the many public documents ordered by Congress during its last session.

Senator Sumner announces that the only topic of legislation in which he feels any interest this winter, is his

CIVIL RIGHTS BILL,

which was so badly treated in the closing hours of the Senate last session while he was temporarily absent. Senator Carpenter, however, announces that Sumner's bill is impracticable, and that no other legislation can be had on this subject for the present at least.

INTERNAL REVENUE.

Secretary Boutwell and Commissioner Douglas, together with ex-Commissioner Rollins and Supervisor Fulton, of Baltimore, were before the Committee of Ways and Means, to-day, and had a long hearing with reference to the proposed plan to abolish the office of Assessor. The arguments were all in favor of Mr. Douglas' bill. There does not seem to be any opposition from any quarter which even be considered at all influential, and it may be considered certain that his reform will be inaugurated the present winter.

THE NAVAL INCREASE.

From the tone of the debate on the bill from the Naval Committee to build ten new sloops-of-war, which is now the special order of the House, it may be safely inferred that some such bill will pass. There are several amendments pending, including one malicious one from Samuel J. Randall, which is to the effect that no contracts are shall come back on the Government for extra appropriations. The general feeling in both Houses is in favor of an increase of the naval force.

PERSONAL.

Judge Orth, of Indiana, has arrived here, and may be announced as a candidate for the Chairmanship of the Committee on Foreign Relations in the Forty-Third Congress. This honor properly belongs to Leonard Myers, now second on the Committee, both from ability and continuance of service in the House.

RADICAL REVENUERS.

Efforts are likely to be renewed to unseat the three Liberal Republican Chairmen of the House Committees, Banks, Blair, and Farnsworth. Both Republican organs in this city, today, express dissatisfaction with the continuance of those gentlemen in their official positions as Chairmen of Committees. The Republicans attributed the vote of the House last Monday, against accepting the resignation of Banks, to the argument of Brooks, and censures the Republican members for following his counsel. There is a warm feeling on the subject, because the action of the House is regarded as implied censure on the Senate, in the case of Trumbull, Sumner, and others.

THE CAUCUS.

The Republican Senatorial Caucus has been postponed till to-morrow. The action of the committee of five appointed yesterday has not authentically transpired. Opinions, however, are freely expressed that Trumbull, Fenton, and Rice, will lose the chairmanship of their respective committees, but that the minority will have a liberal representation therein.

ARREST OF LOTTERY SWINDLERS.

The police this evening closed up all the gift photograph swindling establishments, arrested the proprietors and seized the stock on hand. The proprietors had to give bail. The clerks were discharged.

THE SUPREME COURT.

The appointment of Ward Hunt to the vacancy on the Supreme Bench, caused by the resignation of Justice Nelson, has caused a genuine astonishment here in legal circles. The appointment is explained on the ground that it was made at the urgent request of Senator Conkling, the appointee being a townsman of his; and it is further intimated that Hunt has no particular desire to remain on the Supreme Bench, but that his resignation may be expected, should Senator Conkling desire to satisfy his old ambition in this direction after the 4th of March next, the latter being debarred from the position until that period.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WARD HUNT—WHO AND WHAT HE IS.

UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 4.—Ward Hunt was born in Utica, June 14, 1810. His academic education was received at Oxford and Geneva Academies, in both of which he was the friend and classmate of Horatio Seymour. He entered Union College in his 17th year; graduated in 1828; attended the law school of Judge James Gould at Litchfield, Connecticut. Judge Lewis B. Woodruff was his fellow student. His course of lectures completed, he returned to Utica, entered the office of Hiram Denos, and in 1831 was admitted as attorney of the Supreme Court and solicitor in chancery. He spent the ensuing winter in New Orleans on account of his health, where he received flattering offers to locate. He returned in the spring of 1832, and soon after formed a copartnership with Judge Denos and soon had a large and lucrative practice. Beardsley, Kirkland, Foster, and Spencer were then members of the Oneida bar. He was a Democrat, and his first vote was cast for Jackson. He was elected a member of the Assembly in 1838, and, in 1844, was elected Mayor of Utica on the Democratic ticket. He supported Martin Van Buren for President in 1844, and stumped the Fifth Judicial District. He was nominated for Judge of the Supreme Court in 1853 by the Barnburners, and defeated by William J. Bacon. He joined the Republican party in 1856, and was elected Judge of the Court of Appeals in 1865, and Chief Judge in 1868 by reason of the resignation of John K. Porter, and the death of William B. Wright.

He is at present Commissioner of Appeals, a communicant of the church, and held in the highest esteem by all the people of Utica and Oneida Counties.

He is a well read and sound but not great lawyer. His father, Montgomery Hunt, was a gentleman of liberal education and Cashier of the old Bank of Utica. The family is of English origin, but resident of the State of New York for more than 100 years. He was twice married, his first wife being a daughter of Chief Justice Savage, and his second a daughter of James Tryster, of Albany.

[*To the Associated Press.*]

THE "MISSOURI" INVESTIGATION.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The Treasury Department has received the official report of the Court of Inquiry held at Newark, N. J., regarding the loss of the Bark Missouri, which burnt off Absaco, Oct. 28. The evidence is very voluminous, consisting of the testimony of most of the crew and officers saved. The Court finds, first, that the vessel was humerly put to sea, and although fitted with new boilers, and newly repaired machinery, no trial trip took place for the purpose of testing them; second, that the failing for the boilers was found to be either wanting or defective on the day appointed for sailing, and as there can be little doubt that the fire originated from the heating of the boiler, it can scarcely be questioned that the work of failing was imperfectly executed; third, that the Missouri was not provided with a sufficient number of boats, and such boats as she had were so secured as to be found difficult to be lowered; fourth, that on the island of fire all was confusion; that there was no discipline, no organization or combined effort to save life; that each man acted independently to save his own life, and that no attempt was made to save the lives of the female passengers.

SENATOR SUMNER.

Senator Sumner was seized with rather a sharp attack of his complaint, heart disease, while on the street last night. His friends have warmly urged his cessation from all Senatorial labors, but he was in his seat to-day at the opening of the session.

THE SIGNAL CORPS.

The Chief Signal Officer announces that the display of cautionary storm signals at the different lake ports will, on the 15th inst., be discontinued until the opening of navigation in the spring.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Mr. ANTHONY was elected President *pro tem.*, and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Mr. ROOSEVELT offered a resolution instructing the Committee on the District of Columbia to report the present debt of the District. In the course of his discussion, Mr. Roosevelt declared his conviction that the work undertaken by the present Board of Public Works would not be completed for less than $20,000,000.

Motion to refer the resolution was rejected by a vote of 74 to 92, and the resolution was then adopted.

SANDY HOOK OBSTRUCTIONS.

A resolution was adopted, instructing the Committee on commerce to examine at once into the reason why the sunken wrecks in the channel of Sandy Hook remain to impede and imperil navigation.

TO AMEND THE RULES.

Mr. McCRARY offered a resolution for a new rule, providing that it shall not be in order at any time to move to suspend the rules, and pass a bill or resolution until at least three days' notice of such motion have been given by printed notice laid on the desks of the members, nor until three days after such bill or resolution has been printed, and that such rule shall in no case be suspended. Referred.

NEW BILLS.

Bills were introduced, and referred as follows:

Mr. HARRIS (Va.), Authorizing the Washington, Cincinnati, and St. Louis Railroad Company to extend its road into the District of Columbia.

Mr. DONNAN, To provide for the speedy construction of a ship canal of a large capacity around the Falls of Niagara, on the American side.

Mr. ARCHER, To amend the act of 27th May, 1872, for the abatement and repayment of taxes on distilled spirits in bond, destroyed by casualty.

Mr. KERR, To authorize the construction of a bridge across the Ohio River, between New Albany and Louisville.

THE NAVY.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to provide for the construction of ten steam sloops of war. Arguments were made by Messrs. KELLY, and TOWNSEND, in support of the bill, and the amendment requiring five of the vessels to be built in private ship yards by contract, and by Messrs. PLATT, NEGLEY, and LYNCH, in support of the bill and against the amendment.

Mr. PLATT stated that the intention of the Navy Department was to divide these ten vessels into three classes, one class to consist of vessels from 1,000 to 1,800 tons, and to carry from twelve to fourteen guns; one from 1,200 to 1,500 tons, with eight or nine guns, and one from 900 to 1,000 tons, with six or seven guns.

Mr. NEGLEY remarked that so long as Spain maintained the curse of slavery in Cuba, the present tranquil relations of this country were liable to be disturbed at any moment.

Mr. LYNCH advocated coupling with the bill the one introduced by him last session, and recommended by the Secretary of the Treasury, to give Government aid towards the construction of mercantile steam

POSTAL TELEGRAPH.

Talk with the Hon. Wm. S. Orton, President of the Western Union Company.

Telegraphy Over the Globe---Our American Companies---Interesting Details.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30, 1872.

The re-election of General Grant, and the consequent air with which Postmaster General Cresswell comes to the front to broach again his scheme of telegraphy, induced me, a few days past, to hail the Hon. W. S. Orton in the street, and ask the favor of an hour's interview with him on the subject.

W. A. CROFFUT.

Established at the Arlington Hotel, in Washington, Mr. Orton obliged me with a communicative mood for much of an afternoon.

This gentleman is the President of the greatest Magnetic Company in the world; the Western Union of the United States. This Company was assuming such magnitude and growth in 1865 that its Directors were troubled to discover a person equal to the opportunities it would give for faithfulness and distinction, and who might become its executive officer, grasp its spreading necessities, and become its magistrate.

They had observed that Mr. Orton, a native of Western New York, was a fresh and efficient head of a new and great department in the American Government, the Internal Revenue; and they invited him to take the Presidency of the Western Union Company. He did so, after consideration; and the character and extent of that Company as it now exists, and the position of its President toward the project of Government telegraphy, may be found from his answers to my questions, and in his own original remarks and comments.

I may add that Mr. Orton is, in some respects, a Mr. Boniwell illuminated, the same general completion and type of face raised upon a better stature, lighted with a larger and brighter eye, and altogether more animated and interesting.

THE CONVERSATION.

"Mr. Orton, will you please tell me how much magnetic wire exists now in the Republic?"

Mr. Orton—"About 165,000 miles of which the Western Union Company will control, Jan. 1, 1873, 140,000 miles."

"Please tell me the names of all the companies operating this extent of wire."

Mr. Orton—"First, the Western Union Company. Second the Pacific & Atlantic, of which George H. Thurston, of Pittsburgh, is President, and which is the oldest and most used of all the others. Its wires stretch from New York to St. Paul by Chicago, and to New Orleans by St. Louis and Memphis. Third, the Atlantic & Pacific, of which John Duff is President, and which is controlled by the managing men of the Union Pacific Railroad, and hooks on to the telegraph of that road at Omaha. Fourth, the Southern & Atlantic, which reaches from Washington to Montgomery, coastwise. Fifth, the Franklin, between Boston and Washington, presided over by Mr. Brown, a Boston merchant. Sixth, the Great Western, with headquarters in Chicago. And, several wide and lank, the Reading & Pottsville Telegraph Company, which connects the coal mines and mining towns, and is owned by that aggressive corporation, the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad."

"The old Overland Telegraph poles have been abandoned?"

Mr. Orton—"Yes, after the Pacific Railway was completed, the Messrs. Wells & Fargo removed their line of offices from the old mail road to the Pacific Railway line, and as they had been the money for the repair and care of the wires, the latter also took up the new route."

"Had the first overland line vindicated itself in public use and profits when it was removed?"

Mr. Orton—"I think so, in both respects, as it was in existence and use between 1862 and 1868."

"Can you state any facts of proximate importance as to the ocean cables connecting us with Europe?"

Mr. Orton—"The Western Union Company has an arrangement with the united cables, which, I think, establishes their efficacy by guaranteeing a network of shore-communication with them, which has never yet been wholly severed. There are two Cable Companies—the Anglo and the English—which pool their receipts. The English Company has two working cables; a fourth cable will be laid next summer from England direct to Halifax, and there connected directly with New York. The present cables land at Newfoundland and St. Pierre, and are thence connected with the main land by cable to Duxbury and to Nova Scotia. Nova Scotia and Newfoundland are again connected, while the Newfoundland Telegraph Company, with a exclusive concession—the only one of its kind ever made by Great Britain—for fifty years, covering the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador, and with it the Western Union Company also keeps connection, so that, while one, and even two, cables are often out of order at a time, silence has not yet wholly prevailed at any time."

"Are telegraphs and cables operated at a gain or a loss, speaking as to broad areas?"

Mr. Orton—"The telegraphs of the world, except in the United States, are now operated at a loss, saving only submarine cables, nearly all of which are private property."

"Are cables favorite forms of investment with moneyed men?"

Mr. Orton—"In England, they are. In the United States, very little money has ever been raised for that purpose. Yet, it remains to be seen how long a cable after submergement will stand grappling without rupture, to know what guarantee or insurance fund must be set aside to save the investors. Cable profits are, therefore, only apparent profits at present."

"Is it not possible that the English business capitalist—who is also the English statesman at the present day—may design by this great cable system, of which England is the centre, so to keep English influence, commerce, and capital paramount through controlling the intelligences of the globe?"

Mr. Orton—"That might be; but the time seems to me to be near at hand when coal and iron, added to grain and cotton as great articles of American export, will turn the balance and settle that controversy against England. There is a great mingling of prejudice and futility in the head of the intelligent Englishman to make him fitted to the subject, but it seems very clear to me."

"Which American cities lead in patronizing the telegraph?"

Mr. Orton—"New York stands alone in the first rank. Boston and Chicago only are in the second rank, and nearly even. Philadelphia and San Francisco may be grouped together in the third rank. Next in the fourth rank come, nearly equal to each other, Baltimore, Washington, New Orleans, St. Louis, and Cincinnati."

"How many people does the Western Union Company employ, and where is its most distant operator?"

Mr. Orton—"We employ of all classes about 3,000 persons; and, since the abandonment of Cape Race Station, I suppose our most lonely operator may be in British Columbia."

"Is the telegraph of equal necessity night and day, according to your experience?"

Mr. Orton—"The circuits of the Atlantic cables, owing to the difference in time, must be always manned night and day. These are busy night on the cable. It is far otherwise with our domestic wires; the Western Union is occupied between 9 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m. closely; between 10 and 4, completely; and between 11 and 2 is the day it is hot, and everybody is on the jump. The night system, at half-rates, has been in operation ten years, has been well advertised, and telegraph messages can be filed all day to await the night-work, when we pay only for light and the reduced labor employed. Yet, only 11 per cent of our business is night business, and this shows the fallacy of the Postal Telegraphy theory, that to increase telegraphy and its profits, it is only requisite to cheapen the tolls, and put the boys and girls to writing love-letters by electricity."

"Please explain this further?"

Mr. Orton—"Before there is any great need of the telegraph, it is requisite that two people be *waiting* at opposite ends of a wire. The currents of telegraphic business men will be currents of traffic and commerce, and not with those of mere acquaintance. The telegraph business of Maine comes to Boston; and Maine and New Hampshire, side by side, do not telegraph to each other, but write to each other. The telegraph will never supersede the mail, and the common uses of the mails arise from a distinct and different class of wants from those which use the telegraph. I set this down as a fundamental proposition: that the growth of telegraphy has resulted from increasing the facilities rather than reducing the rates."

"You think that there is no essential postal character to the telegraph wire?"

Mr. Orton—"None, except a superficial similarity. They are both instrumentalities of communication; but the telegraph cannot be made reliable for figures, calculations, or punctuation; and the mails are required to carry slight to convey the merchants' messages of the firm by letter. The Western Union Company itself is day by day the greatest consumer of postage-stamps of any private corporation in America, and the growth of correspondence by mail will always increase in a sufficient ratio to maintain the difference between the rates of mail and telegram."

"What point do you make between the railroad and the wire to show that they do not compete?"

Mr. Orton—"This point: The difference between the cost of 10 tons of mail-matter going by train between New York and Washington, and 100 tons, is scarcely appreciable. The train is destined to go; the capacity of none of our railroads is taxed with mail-matter; the cost of going is increased little or none. But, when we have a wire between the same points, and have 500 messages in a day for transmission, the full capacity of one wire—and six additional 100 messages are offered, the latter amounts to the same as if the railroad were obliged to lay new track and get new equipment and men for; when one wire gets more business than it can do, another wire is required. Now, none of the railroads are taxed to the utmost with mail-matter; but the wires of the Western Union Company are taxed to the full every day, and our extensions are in old territory, multiplying facilities, rather than in new, and distant territory, where it has educated the people to its use for many years. The percentage of cost for doing our business now, when it amounts to $9,000,000 a year, is quite as great as six years ago, when the business amounted to $3,000,000.

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Mr. Orton—"Certainly. Take wages, which make between 50 and 60 per cent of all the expenses of telegraphy. We pay from two to four times more than in Europe. The London Telegraph office is operated by females 14 shillings a week, or from 3 to 20 shillings each. Now, in our New York office, we have 50 females whom we pay from $240 to $365 a month, or an average of nearly a dollar where the English female operator gets a shilling. And we pay male operators $80 a month average wages. In the same way 80 per cent more wire is used per capita in our country than in Europe, although our country is full of timber, and between 20 and 30 per cent more for every article entering into consumption."

"That is a queer condition of things, as to poles in particular?"

Mr. Orton—"It costs more now merely to transport telegraph-poles from the lakes to Chicago than it used to cost four years ago for the poles delivered there. Chicago is the depot for all of the telegraph-poles in the Mississippi Valley, or between the Rocky Mountains and Buffalo. The great majority of our durable poles come from Green Bay, Wisconsin, and are white cedar, but the red cedar of Tennessee makes the best pole of which we have knowledge. We have recently erected in the great telegraphic centres—for the telegraph-wire is nevertheless the great focal point—the iron pole in a wide stock, of which the butt is at the commercial centres, and have put up in Chicago and other cities a class of poles to accommodate the future multiplication of wires for years. The poles must be considered to be burden of wires, for sleet-storms often break down the poles. This year we have hung 20,000 miles of new wire."

"Are you able to determine whether the Western Union Company has greater prospects before it if allowed to continue its business than if purchased?"

Mr. Orton—"We are making a very valuable property, adapted to the fullest uses of the times; and, if allowed to enjoy it, our prospects are encouraging b ns. Our equipment is very complete; in the telegraph is comparable to a house which is fit for occupancy, but always requiring improvements. We, or, but always requiring improvements. We charge to profit and loss instead of to construction all our improvements on old routes; but, in the English system, they show an apparent profit by charging large sums expended to construction accounts instead of to profit and loss. But our standing as a corporation was tested in England, when we recently applied for a loan there to erect our new building at the corner of Broadway and Dey streets, New York. We obtained with promptness, and on superior terms to any council in this country, the $1,500,000, and we are putting up a building that will give more space to telegraphic operations than the great Post Office edifice in New York, which cost nearly $5,000,000."

"Why do you build so far down in the City of New York?"

Mr. Orton—"Why, 75 per cent of all the receipts in New York come from below the City Hall Park, although we have 70 stations (there being 100 in all, counting other companies) in that city. They have but one central Post Office there, and thirteen sub-Post Offices. I mention these things to show that the telegraphic enterprises in this country are energetic and ample under corporate proprietorship."

"Has Mr. Cresswell's desire for postal telegraphy been of his own motion, or in response to any complaint as to present facilities?"

Mr. Orton—"There is a tendency amongst all Government officials to seek an enlargement of powers. His may be a laudable ambition, but it is based upon superficial ideas, and he is this year receiving the aid of a person employed to get statistics in his interest. No petition had ever been addressed to Congress containing any statement or grievance, or any ground upon the Western Union Company. The Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce are generally declared against the plan of rates. After he proclaimed his policy, two State Legislatures were moved to pass resolutions indorsing it; but hehas no notion of the aversion with which railways, and those interests feeding the telegraph most, regard the plan."

"How as to railways?"

Mr. Orton—"We exchange facilities with the railways, and they are compelled, under modern exigencies, to move their trains and rule their line of road through us. In return for this, they push our business with equal alacrity, as they would never do under the repressing hand of the Government. In the late Boston fire, for example, I was wakened Saturday night, and informed that our offices there were about to be deserted. That night we moved 80 operators to New York from Philadelphia, while a train-load of New York operators moved on to Boston from New York, and construction trains were advancing on Boston from both New York and Portland; and we sent in a day, amidst all that catastrophe, 4,900 mercantile messages and 60,000 words for the press. The railroad would never have favored for the Post Office Department with equal alacrity. This mixture of the telegraph-wires is the initial movement on both the express companies and the railways."

"Do you think the English system of postal telegraphy, then, to promise failure?"

Mr. Orton—"No. I frankly think it there to be efficient, well performed, and much extended under the Government assumption; but all the conditions are different from ours. The English Civil Service alone is a mighty advance upon our own to accomplish such a change. Think of the same revolution being tried with our system of political appointments! In Europe, the telegraph as a free instrumentality never existed, any more than a free press, and it was a part of the police system of each country. It was, in fact, more impossible than freedom of the press. It was adopted in England because the telegraph companies were without enterprise, and did not aim to make themselves a universal convenience. Here, telegraphy has arisen among the people, kept ahead of their necessities, and built up a newspaper press which is the wonder of the era."

"What is the superiority of the American press to that of Europe, under the telegraph?"

Mr. Orton—"Well, if you will compute all the news-matter delivered by the telegraph to the press here as separately transmitted to each paper, it will make an aggregate equal to all the matter of every kind sent over the telegraphs of the world at the same time. In no other country can so much telegraph news be bought for the money as here. *It amounts to hundreds of millions of words per annum.* The newspaper combination are numerous and wonderful. The Western Associated Press alone takes 10,000 words a night for 365 nights in the year, and from it other sub-associations ramify."

"Have you deserved any further encouragement in a scientific point of view? That is, have you given the world any improvements on Morse's discovery worthy of your earnings under it?"

Mr. Orton—"Yes; Sterne's duplex system, by which messages pass each other, or the same wire talks a different thing at opposite ends, is more wonderful than the original invention. Here is a clock which is just now going into use, invented by one of our Superintendents, which registers the message from its receipt to its delivery. And the automatic printing machines, and simultaneous market reports, issued by telegraphy, put the whole mercantile world upon an equal plane."

"What is the influence of the telegraph upon speculation?"

Mr. Orton—"To give stability to values. Mr. James G. Bennett, Sr., appreciated this, and refused to engorage telegraphy because his courier and carrier-pigeon system would then be of certainty, based upon fixed prices, known over the world at the same moment, and leaving to be committed only freights, interests, and commissions."

"Which scheme does Cresswell favor of postal telegraphy?"

"Well, he desires all the English system, except the Queue, and proposes to accept postal cards at one-third the rates, in order that the Post Office clerk may read one's letter. He has under consideration the Washburne scheme, which proposes to purchase all the existing lines, and prohibit private competition; and the Hubbard scheme, which proposes to let Congress incorporate a company with special privileges, and give it the free occupation of the Post Offices and post roads, and fix the rates of telegraphy, while the Government saves 5 cents out of each message. The Hubbard plan is a partnership scheme. The Washburne plan is a bold notion of confiscation. I admit that the Government, under the law of 1866, may take our lines. I do not see the need or good policy of doing it. If it be done, we expect manly and generous treatment; for we have exerted ourselves to do her whole duty responsibly, and with the fullest citizen and mercantile enterprise."

GATH.

LENGTH OF A DEGREE OF THE MERIDIAN.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: In a conversation recently with a lady on physical geography, it was asserted that the degrees of latitude as you approach the poles increase in length. As the matter could not be made clear, my request is to leave it to that University of the Chicago TRIBUNE.

A CONSTANT READER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2, 1872.

ANSWER.—If we could draw a circle in the plane of the meridian, having the centre coincident with that of the earth, and draw radii through every degree, the elliptic meridian would be divided into unequal parts, the lengths of which would decrease from the equator to the poles. The distance, from the equator, reckoned in this way, is called *geocentric* latitude. But our ordinary geographical latitude is the angle formed with the plane of the equator by a perpendicular to the surface at the place of observation; and that perpendicular is not directed to the centre, except at the equator and the poles. The length of a degree of geographical latitude is the distance we must travel, north or south *in the direction of the perpendicular is changed to the extent of one degree of fluctuations.* It is evident that the flatter the surface, the less rapidly is this change effected; and as the meridian is curved less at the poles than at the equator, it is necessary to travel a greater distance north or south, at the poles, to change the zenith to obtain the same change in the direction of the vertical or level, or a perpendicular thereto.

The following table shows the length of a degree of latitude, and of the average degree of longitude, in feet, at the sea level, for every fifth degree from the equator. These lengths are increased by one foot for every 37.8 feet of elevation above the sea level:

Latitude, Degrees.	Meridian.	Parallel.
0	362,770	362,770
5	362,790	361,316
10	362,851	357,109
15	362,935	350,233
20	363,032	340,811
25	363,129	329,011
30	363,210	315,055
35	363,259	299,211
40	363,265	281,797
45	363,220	263,181
50	363,120	243,778
55	362,970	224,044
60	362,777	204,475
65	362,553	185,597
70	362,309	167,956
75	362,060	152,112
80	361,819	138,621
85	361,600	128,021
90	361,421	120,833

The angle in seconds, formed by the perpendicular, with the line directed to the centre, is 596.38 at 80 deg.; 339.57 at 45 deg.; 596.38 at 80 deg.; and nothing at the poles and equator.

The above quantities differ somewhat from those given in the books; they have been calculated anew by the writer, from the latest determinations of the earth's form and dimensions. It has recently been found that the equator itself is not a perfect circle, but an ellipse, the greatest diameter of which is one-and-a-half degrees east and 75 degrees west from the meridian of Chicago. The following are the radii, or distances, from the centre to the sea level, in feet:

Greatest equatorial	20,926,406
Least equatorial	20,924,190
Mean equatorial	20,925,298
Polar	20,854,895

ILLINOIS MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY.

The officers of the State Museum of Natural History take this method of calling attention to the collections under their care. These have now been thoroughly arranged and organized with special reference to the convenience of students; and large additions have been made to the Library, both of general scientific works and of those containing descriptions of species.

Mineralogy, geology, conchology, botany, and ornithology, are represented by full and valuable cabinets, and measures have been taken to enlarge the already respectable collections in entomology and general zoology. The chemical laboratory connected with the Normal University will soon be refitted and supplied with abundant apparatus, and will be opened to all who wish to make a special study of chemistry and the allied branches.

Named sets of specimens will be supplied to schools and public institutions as fast as possible; and gifts of fine and characteristic specimens from all parts of the State. For the sake of more exactly defining what is required, it may be said that any of the following objects will be acceptable:

1. Minerals, rocks, petrifactions, and fossils.
2. Shells, land or water.
3. Insects, snakes, turtles, lizards, and fishes.
4. Birds and their nests or eggs.
5. Bones or skins of animals.
6. Preserved plants, shrubs, and seed-vessels, woods, mosses, lichens, and fungi.

The museum is for the free use of the people of Illinois, and every needed facility and assistance, in the way of books, specimens, and instructions, will be afforded those who wish to avail themselves of it in studying our natural history.

It is believed that nothing is now needed but the zealous co-operation of the friends of education to make this one of the most efficient educational forces in the State.

S. A. FORBES,
Curator Museum.

NORMAL, Ill., Nov. 15, 1872.

MILITARY ORDER.

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSOURI, CHICAGO, Dec. 2, 1872.

General Orders No. 8:

1. To enable him to comply with General Orders No. 100, current series, from the Headquarters of the Army, assigning him to the command of the Military Division of the Atlantic, Major General Hancock is hereby relieved from duty in this Division.

2. Until Brigadier General Terry, who has been assigned to the command of the Department of Dakota, enters upon his duties, the Lieutenant General commanding the Division will give, through the Department Staff, such directions as may be necessary in that Department.

By command of Lieutenant General Sheridan:

JAMES B. FRY, Assistant Adj't General.

OFFICIAL: M. V. SHERIDAN, Lieutenant Colonel and A. D. C.

The Grundy Circuit Court.

MORRIS, Ill., Dec. 3, 1872.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: In the case of John Bell, administrator of John Boyd, deceased, vs. The Chicago & Rock Island Railroad Company, which was on trial in the Circuit Court of this county last week, the jury came in at 11 o'clock on Saturday night, with a verdict for plaintiff of $5,000, the full amount allowed by statute. Messrs. Hunter and Page, of Chicago, and P. A. Armstrong, of this Bar, were counsel for plaintiff; and Judge Eldridge, of Ottawa, and Judge Harris, of this place, for defendants.

Oscar Haines to-day pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny, and was sentenced by Judge McRoberts to five years in the Penitentiary.

NEW-YORK.

The Raid on Obscene Literature.

What Has Been Accomplished in One Year Against the Poisoners of Morality.

Special Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30, 1872.

The entire nation are the gainers by the successful raid that has been accomplished against, and the wholesale terror that has been created among, the infamous harpies who have made New York the centre of supply of the obscene literature and trade-articles, the most dangerous and noxious seeds of immorality, sown broadcast among our communities all over the land. There is but one sentiment against this devil's machinery for destruction, but the question has been how to attack it. What was everybody's business in this case, as in all others, was nobody's business. It needed some man full of zeal for the work, and of unimpeached motives and purposes, to come to the front and bring to bear the battery of the law. The statutes have been ample to cover the case, but they were idle on the statute-books, and the evil was annually on the increase. It is appalling to discover how much human ingenuity, artistic skill, and the best appliances in the arts, has been misdirected into this foul channel whose outflow is from the gates of hell, and the streams from which find their way to every town and hamlet in the United States. The best exhibit of the bold and character of this frightful flood is to be presented by the results of one week's active labor in the suppression undertaken by Anthony Comstock, of this city. The following is his list, and it presents an appalling proof of the immense breadth and activity of this department of unholy traffic against the moral purity of communities:

Photographs, nude female figures	194,000
Lithographs, nude female figures	3,600
Engravings, nude female figures	2,000
Obscene books and pamphlets	134,000
Obscene songs	2,000
Obscene circulars	60,000
Obscene envelopes	5,000
Negative glass for printing photographs	65
Lithographic stones, about	25
Engraved copper and steel plates	20
Electrotype plates	600
Engravings on wood, more than	600
Electrotype plates for printing obscene books, over	5 tons.
An obscene lithographic playing card	5,000 to 6,000
An immense number of other obscene and immoral articles of various descriptions	
Letters from all parts of the country ordering goods	1,500
Arrests made October 1st	30
Police officer dismissed, by Commissioner for assisting these scoundrels	1
Babbitters dead	1
Manufacturer of obscene goods died	1
Exposures dead	1
Convicted and fined guilty	13

According to Mr. Comstock's statements, the three publishers above were the three principal men in this nefarious business. One had published here in New York since 1842, another for about twenty years, and the other for about sixteen years. The manufacturer has been engaged in obscene rubber goods since the war, and one of the exporters did business in Jersey City, and was the right-hand man of all the principal dealers, as they shipped their wares, through him, into all the large and respectable express companies, who would not receive the packages through these men. And, from all sides, Mr. Comstock finds statements that these men have carried on this business by the knowledge and consent of certain detectives and police of the two Cities of New York and Brooklyn.

The arrests cannot be awarded as the only efficient aim have for the last six months waged vigorous warfare against the dealers in obscene publications in this city. District Attorney Davis and Commissioner Osborn have exhibited an inflexible resolution to destroy this infamous business, root and branch. No assertion has been lackington the part of the officers to secure the conviction of all dealers in obscene literature. In the rigor and success of these prosecutions, New York city and her sister cities are about a month following.

Mr. Comstock's undertaking, which, at the outset met with coldness, and even opposition, has broadened into one of the most practical reforms of the day. It will not be many months before a formal and wide-reaching organization will be created, to fight, in all parts of the land, this hydra-headed monster, and crush it out of existence. Until then, it will not be safe for the republication of obscene literature to follow their infamous calling than it is for the counterfeiter and the burglar. The statutes of the land are against them, and the guardians of morality everywhere must bring the artillery to the front and open the battery upon them. I am able to add a reference to the statutes of your own State of Illinois, to show how completely they cover the case. The statutes of Illinois on this subject provide: "If any person shall knowingly bring into this State, for sale or shall sell or offer to sell, * * * any obscene book, pamphlet, or print, every such person shall, on conviction, be fined in a sum not less than $20, nor more than $50."

—*Page 192, Section 10, Gross' Statutes.*

COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION.

Statistics for the Fiscal Year 1872.

Monthly report, No. 12 of the Bureau of Statistics, is going through the press. It embraces the statistics of our foreign trade for the month ended June 30, 1872, and for the fiscal year ended the same, compared with the corresponding periods of 1871. Dr. Young, Chief of the Bureau, furnishes the following abstract:

Months ended June 30, 1872.	Domestic exports.	Foreign exports.	Imports.
Merchandise	$37,410,181	$1,335,247	$41,789,252
Specie and bullion	1,003,024	24,300,322	18,008,239
Months ended June 30, 1871.			
Merchandise	$43,958,078	$1,830,236	$43,513,999
Specie and bullion	11,503,024	24,300,322	18,008,239
Twelve months ended June 30, 1872.			
Merchandise	$367,537,240	$21,166,271	$520,759,749
Specie and bullion	30,555,703	13,555,703	30,555,703
Twelve months ended June 30, 1871.			
Merchandise	$442,556,768	$13,644,373	$487,338,209
Specie and bullion	44,178,278	44,178,278	44,178,278

The following were the respective amounts of the foregoing, which consisted of merchandise and of specie and bullion:

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1872.

	Domestic exports.	Foreign exports.	Imports.
Merchandise	$30,230,864	$625,240,776	$513,000,000
Specie and bullion	44,178,278	44,178,278	44,178,278

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1871.

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The value of the foreign commodities remaining in warehouse June 30, 1872, was $122,211,226, as compared with $68,324,959 June 30, 1871.

Allowing for the difference in the warehouse account, the imports for the fiscal year 1872 are in excess of the domestic and foreign exports, combined, to the amount of $53,986,607, whilst for the fiscal year 1871 the exports exceeded the imports by $11,330,318.

The respective amounts of foreign commerce carried in American and foreign vessels, and in cars and other land vehicles, were:

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1872.

	Domestic exports.	Foreign exports.	Imports. (values refined).	Imports. (values reduced).
American vessels	$197,220,300	$121,619,257	$97,757,493	$97,757,493
Foreign vessels	141,317,940	503,520,514	415,242,507	415,242,507
Land vehicles	17,994,465	6,379,257	5,758,922	5,758,922

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1871.

	Domestic exports.	Foreign exports.	Imports. (values refined).	Imports. (values reduced).
American vessels	$186,624,000	$76,476,000	$76,000,000	$76,000,000
Foreign vessels	263,020,444	478,476,000	415,000,000	415,000,000
Land vehicles	15,197,854	5,417,854	5,286,772	5,286,772

It appears from the above, that of our total foreign trade in 1872, carried in vessels, about 71 per cent was in foreign vessels, while in 1871, it was but little over 68 per cent.

The number and tonnage of vessels engaged in the foreign trade which entered into and cleared from the United States during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1872, were as follows:

	Entered.		Cleared.	
	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.
American vessels	10,621	2,011,263	10,626	2,021,224
Foreign vessels	18,967	6,001,848	18,749	7,048,691
Total	29,588	16,803,126	29,377	10,730,515

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1871.

	Entered.		Cleared.	
	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.
American vessels	10,713	2,042,749	10,573	2,018,945
Foreign vessels	19,426	4,366,444	19,288	4,141,537
Total	30,121	10,009,194	29,861	9,888,482

The report contains detailed lists of the arrival of immigrants in the United States for the quarter ended June 30, 1872, and for the year ended the same. The total number arrived during the year was 404,806, of whom 240,170 were males, and 164,636 females. They represent 176 occupations, summarized as follows: Professional occupations, 5,449 males and 217 females; skilled occupations, 43,164 males and 1,098 females; miscellaneous occupations, 135,089 males and 10,844 females; occupations not specified, 2,919 males and 7,126 females; without occupation (mainly women and children), 88,556 males and 145,358 females.

These immigrants came from about one hundred different countries, of which the following are the principal: From England, 69,764; from Ireland, 64,782; Scotland, 13,916; Wales, 1,214; Germany, 141,109; Austria, 4,182; Sweden, 13,464; Norway, 11,421; Denmark, 3,690; Holland, 4,869; Belgium, 793; Switzerland, 3,650; France, 9,217; Spain, 695; Portugal, 416; Italy, 4,144; Russia 994; Poland, 1,647; China, 7,788; Japan, 17; Canada, 24,825; Nova Scotia, 1,399; New Brunswick, 4,450; Prince Edward Island, 1,880; Newfoundland, 206; Vancouver's Island, 549; Mexico, 509; Cuba, 283; Bahamas, 84; Azores, 620; Sandwich Islands, 203; Australia, 3,170; born at sea, 131.

THE DIAMOND SWINDLE.

Its History---Report of General Colton.

From the San Francisco Bulletin, Nov. 26.

From a gentleman who is in the secret of those who have suffered, and who is himself one of the losers, we have the following comprehensive account of the great diamond swindle. The first discovery, as alleged was made by one Philip Arnold. He made a contract with Harpending for the sale of the discovery. Harpending transferred an interest in that contract to William M. Lent. The first payments to Arnold was $100,000. This money was advanced by Lent. The property now underwent various subdivisions, the bulk of it centering in Lent, who paid about $350,000. Other interests were sold to various parties, so that the result was that Arnold and his confederates, whoever they were, netted about $650,000. By subsequent sale of a portion of Lent's interest he got back a part of his money, and now holds a lease of about $100,000.

The diamond fields discovered by Arnold, after having been prospected by Henry Janin, under Arnold's supervision, yielded about $15,000 to $20,000 worth of gems. Upon this prospect Janin's report to Messrs. Barlow and General McClellan was based. It is now reported that Arnold took Janin over a few acres of the land, and that Arnold chose the spots for digging, while Janin looked on. Upon Janin's report and the receipt of the jewels, the San Francisco and New York Mining and Commercial Company was organized, with a capital of $10,000,000. A portion of this stock was taken in San Francisco at the rate of $40 per share, with the agreement of all subscribers that the stock should remain in the hands of W. C. Ralston, and should not be sold or put upon the market until the value of the property should be thoroughly ascertained.

The prospecting party, headed by George L. Roberts, who appears to have been one of the purchasers from the discoverer, visited the field. This party did a good deal of surveying and locating, but spent, it is rumored, only an hour in hunting jewels, and left the field, bringing away several hundred carats of diamonds. The ferocity of this search, and the comparatively small results, aroused suspicions of the extent if not the genuineness of the alleged discoveries, and confidence was destroyed, whose examinations and reports have not yet been made public. Enough is known to warrant the assertion that future explorations will develop no diamonds or other gems.

Arnold, the discoverer, is a native of Kentucky, and is now supposed to be in that State, though it is more than likely he will prove to be like the pea under the thimble-rigger's cup—"now you see it, and now you don't."

The swindle was probably suggested by the discovery of diamonds in the Kimberley Diamondiferous Region, in South Africa. Diamonds are usually found in diamondiferous countries, though it is frequently found, as in the present instance, without the important adjunct of diamonds.

THE LOSERS BY THE FRAUD.

From the San Francisco Chronicle, Nov. 28.

Wm. M. Lent has paid out over $400,000, cash—which, of course, is a complete loss. He had never seen the grounds, and invested solely on his faith in Janin's report and the stories circulated by others. William C. Ralston comes next among the losers, having advanced $250,000 to help make the payments to Arnold.

The following gentlemen purchased stock for the amounts set opposite their names. As the cash was paid in every instance the money is a total loss:

W. S. Latham	$25,000
Michael Reese	50,000
John Rosenfield	50,000
Lewis Sloss	50,000
Hamilton Dore	50,000
Thomas Sunderland	40,000
D. D. Colton	50,000
J. W. Gashwiler	50,000
Charles Crocker	50,000
W. F. Babcock	20,000
T. Parrott	20,000
Albert Gallatin	20,000
Mr. Mooser, of Cropp & Co.	20,000

The amount swallowed up from Harpending, Roberts, Janin, Hodge is not known, but they are all three heavy losers on paper.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER.

To the Board of Directors of the San Francisco and New York Mining and Commercial Company:

GENTLEMEN: On the 1st of the present month, I was tendered by your body the position of General Manager of your company, under circumstances of delicacy and flattering, that I accepted the appointment, and proceeded at once to acquaint myself with the affairs and property of the Company.

On the 12th instant, information having been received from Mr. Clarence King, United States Geologist, in charge of the survey of the Fortieth Parallel, from which it became probable that a gigantic fraud had been perpetrated upon your stockholders, I at once proceeded, upon personal solicitations of your Executive Committee, to the purported diamond fields.

My party was made up of Mr. Clarence King, who most generously consented to accompany the expedition, and Mr. Henry Janin, who had previously visited the ground and reported on its value; Mr. John W. Bost, ex-Surveyor General of this State, and Mr. E. M. Frey,—the last two gentlemen having been on the grounds with what is known as the "Roberts party."

We proceeded by rail to Black Butte Station, on the Union Pacific Railroad, in Wyoming Territory, then, taking riding animals, we reached the grounds on the 18th, it being in the Territory of Colorado, in a due south direction from Black Butte Station, and not to exceed fifty miles therefrom.

The locality is perfectly easy of access in good weather, situated on a high table land, on the north side of a pine-clad mountain plain, to be seen in three hours' ride from our starting point. As all the gentlemen with me were familiar with the ground, we lost no time, and at once proceeded to prospect the property. At the head of what was designed on Mr. Janin's map and report as Ruby Gulch, I found a bare, solid table of sandstone, about 200 feet long by 150 wide, cut up into more or less deep crevices, most of them emptying into Ruby Gulch, which runs parallel with the west face of the rock. On this table, as I am informed by Messrs. Bost and Frey, the Roberts party found the diamonds they brought to your company.

At the head of Ruby Gulch, and close by the edge of the rock, Mr. Janin pointed to the places where most of the dirt was taken from which were washed the large number of diamonds and rubies taken by General Dodge, Janin, Harpending, and Arnold to New York, and afterwards brought to San Francisco.

We proceeded at once to test the dirt in Ruby Gulch, and, after making fifty-six distinct tests, of the most thorough and careful nature, from surface to bed-rock, the day closed on us without our having found a diamond or ruby outside the limits of the two rock fissures described; whereas, on the table rock visible to the naked eye, were many small rubies, and a few small, worthless diamonds, which had been overlooked by previous parties.

The second day General Bost and Mr. Frey devoted their time to various tests of the property, particularly in opening on this rock two crevices, which showed unmistakable evidences of not having been tampered with. The result was, they found no diamonds or rubies there or elsewhere during the whole day, outside the previously described points where the first stones were found.

In the meantime Mr.

him, and bring a quiver to "strange lips." Horace Greeley was blessed in his old age with a full reward of his fidelity and self-sacrifice.

—It takes three days for a California citizen to go through the ceremony of naturalization.

—They have "possum lunches at church fairs in Georgia.

—The cable despatch about the Tweed suit cost the English press about £600.

—The Astor House, in New York, at the end of its lease expires, will be converted into stores and offices.

—A man in Pine Island, Mich., whose head died a short time since, refuses to eat and sleep for days at a time, and sleeps in a short coffin-box, where he says he can commune with the spirits.

—The Italian Government is about to issue orders to prevent any more Italians from emigrating.

—The English Secretary of War has refused to let the soldiers play cards in their respective rooms, and see if it won't keep them out of the grog-shops.

—Potatoes are so scarce and dear in Northern Ireland that the Governors of various County Gaols have been directed by the Inspector-General to substitute for them in the diet of the prisoner a ration of oat or rice three times a week.

—General Lee's college is overcrowded with applications, and is well off financially.

—A Wisconsin Congressman is taken to task by the press of that State for sending one of his frank over five hundred weeping willow trees.

—A little girl at Walpole, N. H., fell off a playing fence the other day and dislocated her neck. A surgeon was sent for, but just before he arrived she had another and luckier fall, which put the dislocated joint.

—A Brahma rooster, named "Colonel," died of apoplexy in Connecticut a few days since. He weighed over sixteen pounds, doubtless the largest chanticleer in America, and was valued at about $100 by his owner.

—In all the new streets of Paris the builders at the corners are rounded, or the angle cut off, so that the sidewalks are curved, thus facilitating locomotion and avoiding the many accidents caused by turning around sharp angles.

—The Alexandria (Va.) *Gazette* says: "Adjutant General has sent the Governor, signed commissions filled with names for all the 10 Colonels, Lieutenant Colonels, and Majors in the State militia. This batch will probably provide for all untitled Virginians."

—Buchanan County, Virginia, enjoys the proud distinction of being the only county in United States from which no return has reached of the recent election have been received. By its position it is isolated from the rest of the world. It is *quoad terra incognita*. The Richmond *Enquirer* says a vote of the county will probably never be ascertained until the Secretary of the Commonwealth sends a special messenger thither for that purpose.

—A correspondent of the London *Daily News*, stationed on this side of the water, writes in unfeigned astonishment "that, on these day ladies promenaded the streets just as on other days."

—It was reported some time since that a young lady of Washington was determined to marry a youthful Indian, who had become fatuated and lingered around her house. It transpires that the story was only partially true. The young brave did linger, and Miss Ellen was pleased; but the brave's intentions were brief wording on being arrested. "Big Injun, ugh!" that little intentions were not reciprocated. Governor Walker procured him a suit of hair, and he started for the setting as completely happy as if he had had the girl.

—A Tremont street (Boston) auction shop has yielded up a genuine art treasure. An old picture, that was knocked off for $1.50, was found when the buyer had cleaned it to be a fine portrait on wood, and bore upon its back an Italian inscription. Translated, this import: "Bartolomeo Passerotti painted me with his hand his likeness at the age of 31 years in Bologna. Presented by him to Mr. Giovanni Battista Detti on the ninth day of the year 1593." Passerotti was the founder of the Academy of Bologna; according to Nagel's dictionary he ranked next to Titian; and died in 1592. The portrait is remarkably clear and distinct, without a single "restoration" or defect; but it is not at all came from the hand of the master, a photographe of it have been sent to Dresden, to be compared with another portrait in the Dresden gallery, besides which there is only one other existence. The face resembles Shakespeare's very strikingly.

—A Boston letter (Nov. 30) to the Springfield *Republican* says: "The relief fund is growing now faster than for a week or two, and has gone above $200,000. There are also small special funds, managed by religious and charitable societies, that amount to much more than this; but the demand is courant the same time to come. The new Parish Relief Bride which led Bostonians to so much contribution from other cities and countries has mostly gone into retirement and out of its mouth; and Mayor Gaston has risen in public favor pretty steadily for the last week, and his wisdom and humanity of his first appointment appears to be justified by the facts. Harvard College fund has rolled up substantially fast, averaging nearly $10,000 a day since it began."

A Living Microscope—A Lad With Strange Eyes.

In a recent copy of the Birmingham (Eng.) *Register* there is an interesting account of a boy whose powers of vision entirely eclipse those of the kind ever heard of before. He is no less than a living microscope, and possesses the faculty of seeing minute objects magnified to a marvellous degree. When quite young he was afflicted with a disease peculiar to the eyes, and fears were entertained that he would lose his sight. He recovered gradually, but it was noticed that the disease had materially affected the organization of the eye—it changed its internal structure, the cornea became greatly enlarged, the crystalline lens divided into three different parts, each part rounded with a light little circle, and in the centre of each appears the iris, but greatly magnified in size, being about the circumference of a small pin-head. He can not distinguish objects at a distance; they appearing to him as large objects do to ordinary eyes when viewed through a telescope drawn out of focus, thereby causing a misshapen. His case is exciting great interest among scientific men, who have formed various opinions as to the causes that have wrought such a change.

Added to this wonderful talent of microscopic sight, the lad exhibits that of being able to stretch the objects he examines, and by a most nimble finish of water colors can give to the world the result of his studies. He has in the last year exhibited and sketched over a number of beautiful specimens of Diatomaceæ. Polycystina and sponge spicules, that were kindly loaned him by several gentlemen of learning, for their object being to compare them with the published views of the same objects, in order to test their truthfulness, and the result is stated to be altogether satisfactory. A copy of one of these papers, photographed in Paris during the last visit, is shown him, and he instantly recognized the lines and pronounced the words, which, however, he did not understand, not being versed in French.

Scientists who have paid attention to the case state, as the results of their experiments, that while the magnifying power of his vision is about five hundred diameters. One curious fact connected with his vision is, that he will never examine water, having once, soon after his recovery, discovered the vast number of infusoria contained in some he was in the act of drinking, which had the effect to thoroughly frighten him, since which event no inducement can ever bring him repeat the experiment.

Sir Charles Madden, F. R. S., has paid much attention to this singular case, and has brought it prominently before that body, by a series of interesting papers. It is said that Dr. Crozier, an eminent oculist, is preparing an elaborate article on the subject for the London *Lancet*.

FREEZING SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Popular Movement by the Humane Society.

Action in Behalf of Children Kept Wailing Outside for the "Nine O'clock Bell."

Superintendent's Interview with a School Principal.

Ice is a good thing. The world would get through its multifarious relations without it, perhaps. But it will not answer to look to ice for everything. For instance, it will not do for public school-houses, the thermometer at zero. Nor, when the school-houses are open, will a warm half so well as real comfort for the school children kept standing in the cold in the school precinct tick of somebody's watch. Patrick McGillicuddy's mother takes in washing for a guess at 9 o'clock for Mrs. Partington. Small blame to her, poor woman, for she has not hurry a Jurgensen chronometer as the Board of Education furnishes free gift to every one of its teachers. Consequently Peter McGillicuddy, aged 9, Mary and Bridget and Sapphira, and the rest of Mick's all of tender years, short coated, long out of doors until the London-made by Brothers' underpaments, are kept to their cool shoulders until the Londonmade of the Principal tells 9 o'clock. How they shiver and snuffle and pass through all stages of cold, cough, and these funerals are expensive. Patrick McGillicuddy, Senior, was buried last year, not his soul, with twelve carriages.

The Illinois Humane Society's agent, passing one of our public schools, the other day, heard a noise like unto a hail storm. He concluded it was only dropping on a tin roof. He did it was hail. He had under one arm a terrier dog, and in his eye, metaphoric five fresh cases of abused hippocrisy. But he heard the clatter, peeped over the and found it to proceed from the teeth two hundred children waiting to get in. ing blue noses on their cheeks. Some of ing ice on their chins and noses. It ed they had colds in their heads. And it was not 9 o'clock. And these the Savior called them lambs, farmers take better care of the sheep.—were there to be 9 o'clock. And there at 9—locked out and sent home to why can not read nor write, for a written Mrs. McGillicuddy once went six and left a heavy washing to get her brother's sister's son, a clerk in a store on Halsted street, to write the note. *a way pass* Patrick got his cross, and expensive attendance was incurred to repair the damage to her son's education. She has no clock. Ten minutes are an hour in the long run.

Humane Society's agent finds after a thorough investigation, Wycester, Johnson, and inquiry at the Medical Colleges, that Thank God for the Board in the Board of should get this information by the Who knew children were animals? Rise animals the better for blankets Why will not the Board of Education suggestions? and, here we leave the

[From the Chicago Tribune.]

Mrs. McGillicuddy's troubles at children attending the Hayes School, corner of Dalton street, called our attention to the which they were subjected in being compelled to come in the cold if they arrived school hour. Notice of the same soon of the city papers made it appear that it would not be improperly directed in the humane work embraces women, as well as men. We therefore called upon the Principal of the school, and stated appeared quite indignant at the of the Society for the Protection Animals, should call to him. But proceeded to investigated, and desired ment to the public of our conclusion when we knew were called into to the Principal, and our remarks were then kept out in the cold, Mr. Merriman explained, that while schools were that the doors they sustained closed until the There did not seem to be any of the Principal as to the temthe doors closed, though and confirmed by the Janitor, to admit very small children at explained that the actual rule not to bring their children so being, when they lived a long ile, or on extremely wet or cold

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THE LAW COURTS.

NOTES OF INTEREST.

Although no order has been made by the Court, and the exact terms of the decision cannot be published, it may be stated that Judge Farwell has dismissed the bill against Otto Feltzer praying for an injunction restraining the publication of Feltzer's Atlas of Chicago; and that an account be taken of all sums of money received in advance for copies of said atlas, that a list be furnished of all persons to whom sheets had already been issued, and making the injunction perpetual. The decision is understood not to disturb the injunction. The complainants appealed against the decision, which, in effect precluded their participating in any profits Feltzer might have already made out of the transaction, and as an appeal cannot be heard until September next year, and the defendant, Feltzer, may, at that time, be able to show heavy damages by the delay in the publication of the maps, should the Court above sustain the decision and dismiss all proceedings, including the injunction, the appeal bond has been placed at $20,000. The matter is of considerable public interest, and it is to be regretted that neither of the parties to the suit saw fit to send persons connected with the Court, could have been induced to inform the newspapers as to the hour when His Honor's decision might be expected, so that a report could have been published of a matter so interesting to the public. The only information to be obtained in the Court is, that the bill has been dismissed, and that the order has not yet been prepared, and is, therefore, not of record, and should not be published. It is believed, however, that the decision will be found mainly as here given.

In consequence of several new orders granting change of venue in suits brought against the Knickerbocker Insurance Company, in Judge Tree's court, the *Journal* assumes inaccuracy in the report published in this column yesterday, and discovers that Judge Tree's decision in the cause referred to was not as stated, but in favor of the change. The *Journal* is in error. The cases in which the applications were granted were undefended, and no other order than that entered could well be made; but in the defended cases the decision of his Honor as printed in THE TRIBUNE was correct, being summarized from complete notes.

Counsel Tuley yesterday applied to the County Court for the appointment of Redmond Prindeville, Hiram J. Jones, and George D. Talbot as Commissioners to assess the cost of public improvements in every part of the city, namely: For lamp-posts, with services, supplies, and privies therein, together with curbing thus far graded, and laying a new wooden block pavement on Twenty-seventh street, from the east line of South Park avenue to the east curb-line of Cottage Grove avenue. The assessments are upward of eighty in number, and form a mass of legal stationary awful to the reporters' vision.

In the United States Circuit Court, the cause of Lewis and Brooks v. the Michigan Central Railroad Company is on trial. The complainants sue for damages arising out of the non-delivery, or delivery in a remarkable parcel, of 100 bales of wool, containing 50,000 pounds, valued at $1 per pound, said wool, being shipped at Chicago on the 2d of February, and not delivered until the 20th of April in the same year to the consignee, the Globe Woollen Mills, Utica, the price having meanwhile fallen 30 cents, causing a heavy loss to the complainants.

Charles Botts, yesterday, brought suit in the Superior Court to restrain Harriet Collins, her husband, or their agents, removing, assigning, or otherwise interfering with the stock in No. 783 West Madison street, which property she has acquired, together with the lease of the building (at $150 per month) in her own right, from Henry Lamhitz, to whom the premises were originally let at $166.66 per month. Botts claims three months' rent.

Judge Wallace, in addition to the heavy private business pressing on his attention, is now burdened with a railroad condemnation suit, the Columbus, Chicago & Indiana Central Railroad v. Mason et al. If he gets through within seven days he will be a lucky Judge. His Honor's jurisdiction seems elastic enough to cover almost every kind of trial known to the law.

The Cheney case was up before Judge Williams yesterday, on a motion to strike out exceptions to the answer of Philips and others. The motion was overruled, and exceptions were entered to the ruling. Argument took up all the afternoon.

In the suit Pleiades Lodge A. F. & A. M., of Chicago v. Sarah Collins and unknown heirs of Walter Collins, a decree was entered yesterday finding the sum of $683.75 due to the plaintiff.

The last trial on the calendar, in the United States Circuit Court, is now proceeding. At the close of the trial, the Bankruptcy Calendar will be called.

Proof is being taken, before Bishop, Master in Chancery, as to a disputed bank check, in the matter of the Commercial Insurance Company.

The applications for change of venue, to be heard before Judge Porter, in the Knickerbocker Insurance suits, which could not be heard yesterday, will be heard this morning.

It was default day in the Superior Court yesterday. There were over forty pages of minutes entered. We print the judgments only.

The suit brought against Steiner by the Société Française de Bienfaisance, has been submitted to Court for decision.

The Northwestern Railway condemnation suit is still occupying the attention of Judge Booth and a jury.

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.

[Judge Blodgett.]

ADMIRALTY—760—Boyd v. Hayden; respondent ruled to close proofs by Jan. 1.

BANKRUPTCY—3,062—Nathan Underwood et al.; report of special Master as to sale (published in yesterday's TRIBUNE) confirmed unless objections are filed by Saturday morning. This order as to 2,160—Nicholas Lambert; entered the usual rule to show cause, etc., and order under Section 26. 1,340—Moore, Kelly & Co.; order to pay creditors without delay. 2,115—Leander Bodwell; order that B. L. Tatham be allowed $150 for fees as custodian and clerk.

NEW BANKRUPT.

Nicholas Lambert, of the firm of Rudolph Foreman and Chas. M. N. Friedlander, claim under a debt, balance $687, and on account of preferential payments to creditors whilst in a state of insolvency; Eldridge & Tourtellotte, attorneys.

NEW SUITS.

W. S. Lamb, assignee of the Winnesheik Insurance Company v. Byron G. Pierce; assumpsit $100; Brawley & Fry, attorneys. Same v. Joseph Hubert; same v. Hawlin; $200. Same v. David Eberhard; $150. Same v. James Ormsbee; $100. Same v. Ry. Winter; $200. Same v. Anton Weis; $100. Same v. David M. Dallman; $100. Same v. Charles W. Mattfaldt; $100. Same v. Aaron R. Campbell; $500. Same v. Child Damphouse; $100. Same v. Martin Brodricht; $150. Same v. Morris Byrne; $100. All by the same attorneys.

THE SUPERIOR COURT.

[Judge Porter.]

LAW—There were over 40 pages of defaults entered. The following were the judgments, giving the general numbers, and omitting the titles:

$308.78, 40,518—Dismissed by plaintiff. 40,652—Judgment, $1,588.75. 41,038—Same, $245.45. 41,103—Judgment for property and 1 cent v. Reuben Hagenbuch. 40,447—Judgment for $5,000. 40,449—Same, $5,000. 40,449—Same, $5,000. 41,161—Appeal dismissed at defendant's costs. 41,430—Same order. 41,—Decree of sale. 40,926—Decree. 40,854—Decree of sale. 41,537—Decree. 40,685—Judgment, $368.28. 40,702—Same. $3,615. 40,714—$3,000. 40,715—Same. $17,000. 41,365—$6.31 v. Louis Hink and Paul Boettcher. 42,178—Suit by plaintiff. 40,393—Judgment rendered. Appeal dismissed at defendant's costs. 41,325—$227.32. O. P. Pearson only. $1,144—Same. 175—Same. $404.40. 40,622—Same, for $1,500. Appeal dismissed at defendant's costs. 40,124—$5,167.17. 40,556—Same. $1,000. 41,373—Judgment, $1,—. 40—Same. $1,039.83. 39,626—Appeal dismissed at defendant's costs. 40,300—Judgment, $1,035. 40,—Suit by plaintiff. 40,—Same. $1,000. Appeal dismissed at defendant's costs. 38,256—Dismissed by plaintiff. 110—Judgment rendered. 39,873—Dismissed by plaintiff. 39,—Same. $1,000. 41,—Same. $1,000. 40,276—Same. $1,275.66.

Judge Gary.]

—v. Mason; reference to Master in Chancery; same order. —v. Lesemeyer; same order. —; decree of sale; Master in Chancery to advertise for judgment. —ded to the 19th —pearance to Master in Chancery. —

Jones v. Jones; decree of divorce. 1,077—Johns v. Johns; reference to Master in Chancery. 1,—Eckstein v. Dunn; general issue; $2,000. 1,—Eckstein v. Dunn; general issue; $2,000. [illegible] Dunn; [illegible] Dunn; [illegible] Dunn;

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M'VICKER'S THEATRE—Madison street, between State and Dearborn. Engagement of Miss Jane Coombs. "School for Scandal."

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Halsted street, south of Madison. Lingard Combination. "A Life's Dream," with Lingard sketches.

AIKEN'S THEATRE—Wabash avenue, corner of Congress street. Rubinstein concert.

MYERS' OPERA HOUSE—Monroe street, between State and Dearborn. Arlington, Cotton & Kemble's Minstrel and Burlesque Troupe.

GLOBE THEATRE—Desplaines street, between Madison and Washington. The Lelia Ellis Ballad Opera Company, and farce of "Poor Pillicoddy."

STAR LECTURE COURSE—Dr. Hynes Lecture. "Artic Adventures." Michigan Avenue Baptist Church.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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The Chicago Tribune.

Thursday Morning, December 5, 1872.

The Liberal Electoral vote of Maryland was cast yesterday for Governor Hendricks, of Indiana.

The storm which ravaged the coasts of Northern Europe, last month, is said to have been the most severe in the last two hundred years.

White men will be banished from the territory of the Cherokee Nation, if the bill to that effect, which has been passed by the Cherokee National Council, receives the signature of their Chief.

London was frightened but a few days ago by a formidable strike amongst its policemen. Last night and the night before it was plunged into darkness by the striking of several thousand stokers employed by the gas companies. All the theatres have closed and candles are becoming luxuries.

In another column is given an account of the noble work accomplished in one year, in New York, in the suppression of the infamous literature with which that city has flooded the country. Over seven tons of reading matter have been seized and destroyed, thirty-nine of the dealers have been arrested, and their allies in the police force of New York and Brooklyn have been dismissed. All this has been done by the single zeal of an obscure dry goods clerk, who has devoted himself to this work.

The Californians are not yet done with the sensation of Mrs. Fair. The sensation consequent upon the acquittal was followed by that of the attempted lecture; this was supplemented by an account of Mrs. Fair's plot for poisoning Judge Dwinelle, before whom she was tried, and now comes the revelation that Mrs. F. had employed two assassins to murder Colonel Crittenden before she took the matter into her own hands. Mrs. Fair announces her intention of going South, and the San Francisco press will miss her sadly.

There are curious stories afloat to the effect that, during the recent struggle between various railroad corporations for the right of way into the city, the sum of $10,000 was deposited in the hands of a citizen (not an Alderman), to be held by him until favorable action was had by the Common Council. The story is, further, that, after the Council had acted, the stakeholder refused to divide, and has pocketed the whole sum. If the first part of the story is true, we hope the second is also, and that the depositary of the fund will not pay over a dollar of the money to the Aldermen.

The President and Vice President and Vice President elect, prominent journalists, distinguished Senators, the Governors of New York and adjoining States, members of Congress, and of the Municipal Government of New York, with countless thousands of citizens formed the procession that followed the remains of Horace Greeley yesterday to the grave. The funeral services were under the direction of the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher and Dr. Chapin, and the funeral procession is said to have been even grander than that which followed President Lincoln's body through the city.

The National Prison Association of the United States will hold its second annual meeting at Baltimore, Jan. 21, 1873. Hon. Horatio Seymour, President of the Association, will preside and deliver the annual address. The great feature of the Congress will be a collection of reports on the preventive, reformatory, and penal institutions and works of the different States. Papers are also expected from M. Demetz, the founder of Mettray; Miss Mary Carpenter, the eminent philanthropist, and Sir Walter Crofton, the originator and organizer of the Crofton prison system. A general invitation to attend has been extended to all Chaplains, Prison Commissioners, and heads of departments in penal institutions.

An order, recently passed by the Common Council of Boston, giving authority to the Committee on Public Grounds to build on the Common, at their discretion, has now become a law, and the Committee have full power to carry out the original plan of extending a line of buildings along the Tremont st. row, preparatory to the surrender of the mall to the street on that side. The press of Boston denounce it as an outrage, and it is very generally regarded in the same light by the citizens, who are moving to get out an injunction. The respect for the famous old pleasure-ground has not been altered at all by the Boston fire, or the necessities imposed by it. The occupation of the mall would be a serious disfigurement to the rest of the Common, and it evidently will not be done without a vigorous contest. The action of the Building Committee, it is stated, will be one of the most prominent issues in the coming municipal election.

A Washington despatch says that, in the event that Mr. Fish retires from the State Department, the President will probably offer the portfolio to Mr. Charles Francis Adams. There is no man living who is more abundantly qualified to adorn the position and to discharge its duties than Mr. Adams. The extreme partisans of the Administration will probably object to such a selection, on the ground that Mr. Adams was voted for at the Cincinnati Convention as a candidate for President. As General Grant has never consulted the politicians on any Cabinet appointment, except, perhaps, that of Mr. Boutwell, it is quite likely he will do without their advice in this case. He can make no appointment that will give greater satisfaction to the mass of his supporters in the recent election than that of Mr. Adams. The country is not so full of statesmen capable of filling the position of Secretary of State that he can afford to overlook one so admirably endowed as our chief representative at the Geneva Conference.

Mr. Ward Hunt, who has been appointed to the Supreme Bench of the United States, to fill the place resigned by Justice Nelson, is a prominent lawyer of Utica, N. Y., where he was born in 1810, and where his whole life has been spent. He is a graduate of Union College, and of the famous law school at Litchfield, Conn. Like President Grant, he was originally a Democrat, and cast his first vote for General Jackson; he supported Martin Van Buren in 1848, and became a Republican in 1856. He has held no other political positions than as Mayor of Utica and member of the New York Assembly. In 1865, he was elected Judge of the Court of Appeals, and, three years after, became Chief Judge. As he has never figured in Federal politics his appointment is a commendable one, and we venture to regard it as an assurance that the Supreme Bench will be kept free from partisan influences, notwithstanding the intimation in our Washington despatches that the new Justice is a friend of Senator Conkling, and is to hold the place only till March 4, when he will give place to the Senator, who will then be eligible.

The Chicago produce markets were generally dull yesterday, and averaged slightly lower in prices. Mess pork was quiet and heavy, at $11.75@11.87½ cash, and $12.00 seller March. Lard was a shade easier, at 7¾c cash, and 7¾c seller March. Meats were quiet and lower, at 8¾c for shoulders, 5½c for short ribs, and 6c for short clear, part salted; green hams quoted at 6¾@7¼c. Highwines were quiet and steady, at 88c per gallon. Flour was in fair demand, and firm. Wheat was a shade lower and less active, closing at $1.09¼ seller the month, and $1.10¼ seller January. Corn was dull, and ¼c lower, but closed firm at 30¾c cash, and 30¼c seller January. Oats were quiet, but firmer, closing at 24¼c cash, and 24¾c seller January. Rye was quiet at ¼@1c advance, closing at 59¼c. Barley was quiet and steady, closing at 61½c for No. 2, cash or seller the month, and 51@51½c for No. 3. The hog market was less active, but firmer than yesterday, with sales at an extreme range of $3.50@4.00. The cattle market was fairly active for upper grades, but dull and drooping for common and medium. There was no change in the sheep market.

In the death of Mrs. Mary Somerville, the world loses one of the most remarkable women of the time. Born in 1780, she had reached the ripe age of 92, and the whole of this long life had been devoted to practical and useful scientific research. She was the daughter of an English naval officer of distinction, Sir William Fairfax, and probably imbibed a love of mathematics at an early period of her life. Married, in 1804, to Samuel Gregg, a Captain in the Russian navy, she found encouragement to study from her husband, who assisted and instructed her in the higher mathematics and astronomy. Captain Gregg died in 1806, and in 1812 the widow married Dr. William Somerville, of Edinburgh. Mrs. Somerville first became known to the scientific world through some interesting experiments connected with the solar spectrum. Subsequently, she published several books, both original and translations, notable among which are an adaptation of LaPlace's *Mechanique Celeste* and a "Physical Geography" in two volumes. Mrs. Somerville retained all her faculties up the time of her death, which overtook her in the study of "quaternions," a grade which even those who are ranked as good mathematicians frequently fail to reach.

In the debate on the resolution passed by the House, yesterday, calling for a statement of the present debt of the District of Columbia, it was asserted that the improvements begun by the Board of Public Works could not be finished for less than $20,000,000. Hitherto, under the practice of suspending the rules in order to pass bills of which no previous notice has been given, the House has often been surprised into action which more time for deliberation might have prevented. A bill has been introduced requiring three days' printed notice to be given of any bill for which it is proposed to suspend the rules. Among the other bills introduced was one for a ship canal around Niagara Falls. In the debate which was resumed on the bill to construct ten vessels of war, Mr. Lynch suggested that the Treasury should aid the construction of mercantile steamers which could be turned to Government use if needed. The amendment that the vessels be built in private yards was strongly pressed by Pennsylvania members on behalf of the shipyards at Baltimore, Wilmington, and Chester, and by Mr. Hale, who said that private yards would turn out better, quicker, and cheaper work than the Government yards. The subject of Postal Telegraphy was referred to the Committee on Appropriations, but not till after a struggle by the opponents of the scheme for a Special Committee, which will evidently be insisted upon at the next session.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

The Rockford (Ill.) *Gazette* has expressed itself in a very oracular manner adversely to General Grant's expressed determination in reference to Civil Service Reform. The tenor of the article may be inferred from the fact that it styles the effort to purify the Civil Service of the gross abuses and corruptions which have crept into it, as "absurd and silly abortion, known as Civil Service Reform, patented by G. W. Curtis, improved by Fonetik Medill, aired by sorehead Liberals, and damned by all practical, sensible men." The *Gazette's* invective, we submit, proves nothing, settles nothing, and makes no case against the reform of the Civil Service, the necessity for which has been admitted by all patriotic and thinking men; while the heat with which it is uttered indicates that there is a Post Office in Rockford, which the editor of the *Gazette* thinks he has the capacity to fill. There is but one statement in the whole article which affords an opportunity for reply, and that is contained in the following words: "We take the broad ground that, qualifications being equal, the appointments in the gift of the President should be bestowed upon those who have rendered efficient service in the canvass, in preference to clerical nobodies who barely voted, exercised no influence, and spent no time or labor in the campaign." This may be assumed to be the opinion of the average politician in the United States; in other words, of every man who adopts politics as a business, with the hope of official reward, either for himself or for his friends. With this class of men, the only idea of service to the country consists in the possession of the spoils, not in any solid good they can accomplish for the country. Against such a narrow, mercenary view, we take the broad ground that the public business should be transacted, as nearly as possible, by the same rules as private business, and the offices filled by men suitably trained for their duties, and who can give some guarantee that they will administer them faithfully, honestly, intelligently, and with the best interests of the country at heart, rather than by men whose chief qualification is that they are in politics, have spent a certain sum of money, made a certain number of speeches, or helped to secure the election of some candidate. The theory of this Government is, that every citizen shall take part in political duties, and contribute his vote and his influence to the election of the best men, without reward. This is the least he can do for the country which is doing so much for him. At present, however, the best citizens will seldom take part in political campaigns, because the field is occupied by blackguards, who have adopted politics as a profession, and who make it the means of seizing upon the public offices and enriching themselves, honestly or fraudulently, as the case may be. Respectable citizens, as a general thing, will not associate with such characters; and the sooner they are discouraged and driven out the sooner will a better class of citizens take part in elections, and fill the public offices with men of position and character, and the better it will be for the country at large. The operations of the Civil Service Reform, if faithfully enforced, will accomplish this. Even in its present inefficient state, it has succeeded at least in putting a stigma upon two of the most shameless politicians in the United States,—Cameron and Hartranft,—and given assurances to the people of Pennsylvania of a brighter day, when they will be freed from the infamous exactions and disgraceful corruptions of these two men, who have so long ruled them. As conventions and elections are now conducted in this country, the respectable element of the community has very little voice in the selection of candidates. There is a ring of bummers in every city, town, and village, who do the preliminary work, and select the candidates to be voted for, and these bummers draw their pay in patronage from the candidates whom they have elected. They are barnacles living upon the people, political vagrants, who have no visible means of subsistence, ward-bummers, who hang about saloons, courts, and City Halls, State bummers, who crowd the lobbies of legislative halls, national bummers, who throng the streets of Washington and harass the President. These are the men, the *Gazette* claims, who should have the appointments in the gift of the President, in view of the services they have rendered in the canvass, in preference to men who have only the qualifications of experience and intelligence to offer.

The services of every citizen in an election should be performed gratuitously, as a solemn duty, and they will be when the Government ceases to encourage political vagabondage. The moment these professional office-hunters are put down, good citizens will step in, and nominate and elect the best for the offices. There is no more reason why the Government should be expected to reward these fellows for political labor, than there is why it should make a direct appropriation from the National Treasury to pay them for their work. They have only performed the duty required of every citizen, and which good citizens will not perform because a vicious Civil Service system discourages them from doing so, by rewarding these irresponsible brawlers with the public offices.

REDUCTION OF TAXATION.

The Secretary of the Treasury, in his report on the finances, suggests that there be no further reduction of taxes, and the President, in his message, makes the same recommendation. The country will receive this with regret. The proper and legitimate expenditures of the Government are gradually falling to a peace standard; the interest on the public debt is much less than it has been; the business and population of the country have increased; there is an annual surplus of over $100,000,000 of revenue, and yet a further reduction of the rates of taxation is opposed. The receipts of revenue for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1871 and 1872, thus compare:

	1872.	1871
From customs	$216,370,287	$206,270,403
Public lands	2,816,714	2,388,647
Internal revenue	130,642,178	143,098,134
National Banks	6,523,295	1
Premiums on gold sales	5,412,537	6,892,840
Other and miscellaneous sources	8,802,624	22,875,056
	$374,106,637	$383,325,045

During the year there was applied to the reduction of the principal of the debt the sum of $106,916,820. The cash in the Treasury, at both dates, was about the same, or $107,000,000. It will be seen, therefore, that the surplus revenue was about one hundred and seven millions of dollars. The Secretary, in another part of his report, calls attention to the previous legislation of Congress, whereby taxes, which, when in force, had yielded $360,000,000 a year, had been repealed. This latter fact shows that the repeal of taxes has not produced any material reduction of annual revenue. The first repeal of taxes went into operation July 1, 1868, and others have followed at intervals, and the effect upon the aggregate revenues of the Government is shown in the following statement of the revenues for the fiscal years named:

Year.	Revenue.	Year.	Revenue.
1867-8	$405,638,049	1869-70	$411,255,476
1868-9	370,943,747	1870-71	383,323,945
		1871-72	374,106,637

The *surplus* revenue of 1871-2 is nearly double what it was in 1868 and in 1869, and is greater than it was in 1870-71. With a constantly increasing surplus revenue, what possible reason is there for refusing to reduce the rates of taxation? If, two years ago, when there was a surplus of $104,000,000, that fact furnished a reason for repealing taxation on a large number of objects, what reason is there now for refusing a like repeal or reduction when the surplus is even greater? Experience has shown that, in a country where the business, production, and population have a steady annual increase, and the public revenue is in excess, it is safe to make reductions in taxation so long as it does not threaten to cause a deficiency. Each repeal of taxation is a direct relief to the country. It is equivalent to an addition of that much active productive capital in the hands of the people. It stimulates production, and, by increasing consumption, leads to an increase of revenue from the other objects of taxation.

There is, however, another view of this question which the Secretary does not notice, and that is, the undue proportion of this revenue which is collected from taxes on foreign commerce. The revenue from duties on imports has been constantly increasing since 1861, until it has now reached extraordinary proportions. The receipts of revenue from customs for several years compare as follows:

1866	$179,046,651	1870	$194,538,574
1867	176,417,811	1871	206,270,403
1868	164,464,599	1872	216,370,287
1869	180,048,427		

Here is an increase of nearly forty millions of dollars in the annual revenue from customs within a period of six years. Congress having repealed the purely revenue duties on tea and coffee, might now, without the least danger of weakening the credit of the Government, reduce or repeal other taxes on imports. It should not be forgotten that, to the extent that we export our surplus breadstuffs and provisions, the duties on the imports or commodities we receive in exchange, operate as a tax on the exports. Out of every 100 bushels of corn we send abroad, 40 to 50 bushels are sold to pay the taxes levied by our Government on the goods we purchase with the proceeds of the shipment. Considering how oppressively this tax operates upon the producers of the country, the high taxes imposed for all other purposes, and the scarcity of capital and means in all branches of trade, the Government, with its hundred millions of cash on hand, and an annual surplus of another hundred millions of dollars, might easily consent to a reduction of these excessive taxes on the foreign trade, and give relief to the producers and commercial classes of the country.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH.

The most important portion of the annual report of the Postmaster General relates to the subject of Postal Telegraphy. Mr. Creswell is so entirely committed to the project of joining the telegraph system of the country to the mail system, placing both alike under Government control, that he even opposes the proposed organization of a National Company to do the telegraph business in connection with the postal stations as too conservative, and openly advocates the immediate assumption of exclusive privileges by the Government itself. In presenting this measure to the consideration of the present Congress, Mr. Creswell argues his case with reference to the people at large and the newspaper press in particular. In the former case, he makes the broad statement that the measure has been urged generally by State Legislatures, Boards of Trade, Commercial Conventions, the independent press, and private persons prominently identified with the practical workings of the telegraph. The impression which this statement is likely to leave is not correct; for, though there may have been individual instances of approval among the classes named, there has been no such general action as Mr. Creswell seems to indicate.

The Postmaster General's report mentions four objections to the incorporation of the telegraph with the postal service of the Government: 1. That it is a private interest, and should not be controlled by Government in a Republic; 2. That it would be a dangerous political instrument in the hands of the controlling party; 3. That Government management would be more expensive and less efficient; and 4. That the cost would be more than the country can afford. Mr. Creswell does not make any effort to controvert these objections in detail, but is content to regard them as more than counterbalanced by the advantages of Postal Telegraphy. He makes a general answer that the business of telegraphing is substantially the same as that of carrying the mails, and herein ignores the very essence of the opposition to the project. There can be no business in which the interests of the whole people are so united as in that of letter-carrying. Everybody writes letters; even those who do not know how to read or write do so by proxy. Thoroughness and cheapness of letter-carrying are more in the interest of the mass of the people than of the wealthy minority, and there is no other business in which Government control could find anything like the same common support. The telegraph business is precisely the opposite. Those who support it at all may be divided into three classes:

1. The newspaper press. The interest which this class has in the telegraph is well illustrated by the fact that the money which it pays for despatches is the largest item in its entire expenses.

2. A class composed of bankers, produce and stock brokers, the nature of whose business demands the despatch which can be found only in the telegraph. One of the largest items in the expense account of this class is in its bills for telegraphing.

3. The general mercantile class who use the telegraph frequently, in business emergencies, but not regularly.

Outside of these three classes, which are comparatively small in numbers, is the great mass of the people with whom a telegraph despatch is an event, who do not make any use of the telegraph except in social matters, and the aggregate of whose messages would not average once a year for the entire adult population of the country.

If this classification be correct, the proposition that the Government shall assume new expenses for the purpose of enlarging and cheapening telegraphing facilities is a proposition to tax the whole people for the benefit of a comparatively small number. This is an objection to the Postal Telegraph scheme which the Postmaster General has entirely neglected to notice, and which breaks the force of his general answer to all other objections, that telegraphing and letter-carrying are substantially one and the same business.

Mr. Creswell devotes some special attention to the newspaper press. He states that, under existing arrangements between the combination known as the Associated Press and the Western Union Telegraph Company, the newspapers belonging to the combination are pledged not to take specials from any opposition lines. This is true, and, whether the arrangement be for the public good or not, the newspapers complying find an advantage in securing lower rates for their specials. None of them, however, are individually deterred from making other combinations, if they wish, and the fact is, that another combination of growing importance, receiving its despatches over other lines, is actually in existence. The statement that the Western Union Telegraph Company has pledged itself to charge newspapers, outside of the Associated Press, higher rates for their specials, is something we have never heard of before. If, however, it be admitted that the Telegraph Company exercises what Mr. Creswell is pleased to call a "tyranny" over the press, we cannot see how a transfer of the exclusive privilege of telegraphing to the Government would be anything but a transfer of the "tyranny." There would be this difference: There is now an escape for the newspapers which think themselves mistreated to opposition lines, and to combinations now in existence, and others that may be started; while, in Government hands, there would be an enforced submission to whatever rates, rules, and espionage the Government might see fit to establish. But the most successful opposition to the Postal Telegraph movement will find a basis not in the objections of any one class, however large its interest may be, but in the fact that the telegraph is not of universal use and common necessity; and that, therefore, the whole people are not interested in supporting and extending it out of the proceeds of the public taxes.

STEAMSHIP SUBSIDIES.

The Secretary of the Treasury, in his report, discusses the decline of American shipping engaged in the foreign trade, and recommends, as a means of restoring it, that the business be subsidized by annual payments from the National Treasury. The Secretary states that, of the carrying trade in 1860, 71 per cent was done in American vessels, while, in 1872, with a vastly increased trade, the share performed by American vessels was only 25 per cent. The annual earnings of this trade are estimated at $100,000,000, of which less than one-third is received by American vessels. The rise in the price of iron and the advance in the rates of wages in Europe, he admits, have had the effect of placing this country nearer an equality with others in the matter of ship-building, but he insists that, in order to secure the commerce of the Pacific Ocean and the South Atlantic, the Government should establish and maintain lines of steamships.

To rightly understand this question, it is proper to state how we obtained an ascendancy in the carrying trade, how we lost it, and why it is that year after year we are declining in this business. Prior to 1856, the United States furnished not only all the vessels owned at home, but built largely for foreign countries. It was customary to have American-built vessels for sale in British ports, and purchasers from all parts of Europe went to those ports to purchase. The close of the Crimean war released from Government use an immense number of vessels that had been used as transports, including a large number of steamers. This was the first serious check given to the building of ocean-going wooden sailing vessels. Steamers came in demand, and, after a few years, the use of iron began to supersede wood in the construction of steamships. Iron has now taken the place of wood, and steam has superseded the sail. This was not accomplished in a day. The Rebellion, of course, interfered with our shipbuilding for general trade, and when that war was over we had placed such taxes upon all the materials that enter into ship-building, that it was found impossible to build wooden ships either to be owned at home or to be sold abroad.

Nor was the condition of the United States any better in the matter of iron. It is true that no country in the world is blessed with a greater supply of iron and coal than ours. Our iron is better adapted for ship-building than any found elsewhere. It has those qualities which secure to a greater strength to a given weight than is found in foreign iron. Even with some disadvantage in the cost of labor, our ship-builders could have entered into successful competition in building iron steamships for American and foreign use, but the Government had placed upon the iron such an enormous tax, that building iron ships in this country was practically prohibited by law.

The United States has thus not only taxed ship-building out of existence, and closed the shops and forges for the manufacture of machinery which were once the wonder and admiration of the world, but it has also absolutely prohibited the importation of ships, or their manufacture abroad for our own citizens. We can neither build nor buy a steamship to be engaged in the foreign trade. As time and casualty reduce the number of American-built vessels, so does the percentage of American vessels engaged in the carrying trade decline. An American citizen, wishing to start a line of steamships between the United States and Brazil, must put them under the Brazilian flag. If he desire to run steamships between the United States and any part of Great Britain, or France, or Spain, though he may own them wholly, he is prohibited by law from placing them under the American flag; they must be enrolled as British, French, or Spanish vessels.

Having virtually closed our ship-yard by law, and having prohibited the purchase of foreign-built ships, it is very easy to understand why it is that each year the proportion of American vessels engaged in that trade should grow less. When the cause of our falling off in the carrying trade is so unmistakably known and admitted, and when it is equally known and admitted that the removal of the cause would transfer to the American flag the greater part of that trade, it would seem that the easiest and most certain way to accomplish the result would be to remove the cause. This could be done by either or both of two modes: 1. By the repeal of all laws which prohibit American register to foreign-built vessels. 2. By the repeal or reduction of the tax on iron, steel, and other materials used in the construction of steamships and other vessels. In the one case there would be an immediate transfer to our flag of all foreign-built vessels actually owned by our citizens, and there would be a large number purchased. In the other case, there would be a revival of the ship-building business; a re-opening of the great works for the construction of machinery, and once more the country would be benefited by the increased production and consumption of the mineral deposits which nature has so bountifully bestowed upon us.

Mr. Boutwell, while admitting that this would remedy what he regards as a national calamity, has another mode. He proposes to offer to a few persons, who will build steamers and run them upon the ocean, a certain sum of money from the National Treasury, per trip, in order to make that business profitable, which otherwise would be a loss. In other words, he proposes to make the Government a partner in the carrying trade with a few persons, the Government to pay its partners some millions of dollars annually to enable them to make a dividend.

In point of fact, the Secretary magnifies the assumed loss the country sustains in having its carrying trade done by vessels owned by foreigners. The entire ocean commerce is insignificant compared with the internal commerce of the country. Our railroads are largely owned in Europe, and the surplus earnings or profits go to those foreigners precisely as do the surplus earnings of the steamships. The Illinois Central Railroad is owned almost exclusively in England; the freights upon that road are collected for the benefit and profit of the English owners, and there is no more reason for the Government establishing and maintaining a line of steamships to run alongside a British line, than there is for its establishing and maintaining another railroad alongside of the Illinois Central Road, in order to keep the money expended for transportation in the hands of our own people and out of those of foreigners. What the country is mostly interested in is cheap transportation, and it is immaterial whether the railroad car, or canal boat, or ocean steamer is owned by an American, an Englishman, or a Hottentot. To tax the whole country to enable A to run a steamship alongside of B without any reduction in the cost of freight, is a scheme which can commend itself only to the favored parties who receive the subsidy.

AN ERA OF GOOD FEELING.

The assembling of Congress on Monday was marked, in the Lower House at least, by a very fine display of good feeling, on the part of the victors towards the vanquished, which came like a poultice to heal the blows of the late campaign and mitigate its asperities. The most striking manifestation of this generosity consisted in the refusal of the majority of the House to accept the resignation of Mr. Banks from the Chairmanship of the Foreign Committee, after his public declaration that his views were not in sympathy with those of the majority. It is always pleasant to see brothers and friends agree, and it may be possible that this era of fraternal feeling at the commencement of the session, and immediately following one of the bitterest campaigns on record, foreshadows a remarkably harmonious session, which may be productive of much good to the country at large. It is evidently desired and intended by the majority to win back the Liberal Republican members of Congress, and re-establish the status of the party as it was before the Cincinnati Convention was held. In the Senate, there is apparently no such desire. The partisanship of the Administration Senators is too violent and bitter to admit of any reconciliation. They are too far removed from the people to understand or appreciate the popular desire for concord and good feeling, and so, led by such men as Cameron, Conkling, and Morton, who are too narrow and bigoted in their partisanship, to conceive or execute any measure which has not the sanction of the caucus, the Administration Senators seem to have determined to continue that policy which removed Mr. Sumner from his position on the Committee of Foreign Relations, long before Mr. Sumner had expressed any sympathy with Liberal Republicanism, or had committed any act which was contrary to the usages of the Republican party.

The spirit displayed by the members of the House is a commendable one in all respects, and especially so in contrast with the narrow and proscriptive policy of the Senate. The object which they seek is equally commendable, and there is a way to accomplish it, and that is by carrying out the principles which were enunciated in the Cincinnati platform. To these principles, the Republican party has never taken exception. No issue was made against them in the campaign, and so admirable and essential were they considered, that some of them in spirit, and some of them in letter, were embodied in the Republican platform, which was afterwards framed at Philadelphia. If they will in good faith execute these principles which they have claimed as their own, if they will show a determination to make those reforms in the party which were demanded at Cincinnati, and which they themselves have acknowledged to be necessary, they can close the breach which now exists, and both Liberal and Administration Republicans can act together cheerfully and without restraint. Let them, for instance, cordially sustain the President in his efforts to carry out the Civil Service Reform, the abuses of which service no one has the hardihood to deny, and, if they can outdo the Liberals in efforts to secure an honest Administration of that service, we shall be glad to record the fact. A union between Liberal and Administration Republicans can easily be effected in the manner we have indicated.

The University of Zurich, and, curiously enough, its medical department, is the pioneer in Western Europe of extending collegiate honors to female students. The practice has grown upon the faculty, which seems to submitted to the inevitable coming of feminence. As far back as 1864, a Russian applied for permission to attend two course lectures, and, as there was no regulation to it, the permission was granted, unless the professors whom she wished to have shou Their did not object, and it was not long another lady attended under the same tive authority. One of these female was so persistent in her applic command the admiration and in faculty, and when she came to amination for degrees, there was no precedent for th any law against it, s successfully pass cal degrees. be an end beginni three el

ANOTHER ROW.

Board of Police Make War Upon Superintendent Washburn.

...ss and Klokke Fearfully Exercised About Their Dignity.

Superintendent Withdraws from Their Presence in Disgust.

Notwithstanding the stillness which has attended the proceedings of the Board of Police Commissioners, it may have dawned many unsophisticated persons into the belief that the members thereof had either died or fallen asleep, or else had settled down in the comfortable and quiet enjoyment of their very lucrative positions after a long period of constant and bitter internecine warfare. But the information of those who have been so deceived by the announcement is made that the Board is not dead; neither does it sleep; nor has it decided to enjoy its emoluments in peace. It asserted its right to be considered a body of vigorous life by a grand official demonstration yesterday afternoon, in which Irishman, Dutchman, Jew and American joined alike.

The occasion, it appears, was promulgated by Klokke, to speak theatrically, was in active preparation for some time. The Board had established for the proper production of the necessary scenic effect by careful examination of the Police laws and ordinances, and comparisons of the same with recent official acts of the General Superintendent of Police, and having satisfied themselves that it was in a fit condition to appear before the public, it walked upon the stage, or rather into the Board room, with considerable triumph and flourishing.

The meeting came to order about 3 o'clock. Commissioner Reno was in the chair, and Commissioners Sheridan and Klokke were also present. The audience was composed of several reporters, a fireman, and a private citizen, who evidently came in on business, and was impelled thereto by curiosity.

The Board proceeded to discuss the following order of Superintendent Washburn, addressed to the police force on the 29th of November, and intended as a supplementary order to that containing the delusion of Corporation Counsel Taley with regard to the release of prisoners on special deposits:

"No prisoner will be permitted to sign a recognizance or enter stipulation except in open Court. It shall be the duty of the Sergeant in command of a station to cause prisoners to be taken before the Court at any time when required to do so by the Court. Justice, [illegible] will be taken before the Justice of the Peace for bail, hearing, or trial, as the case may be. Bail have been arrested upon the warrant of a Justice of the Peace for bail, have been remanded to the station house for further hearing by such Justice, unless he shall have taken a change of venue to such other Justice."

The above order, it appears, was promulgated by the police force without the knowledge or authority of the Commissioners. They were first made aware of the existence of the important document by accident, and immediately thereafter. The foundation of the kick was laid, the result of which will be learned upon further trial.

Commissioner Klokke said that the order was a grave of the liberties of the people. It was a hardship upon good and bad alike, the honest, upright citizen and the lowest thief. It placed the man of wealth and standing on the same level with the regular habitués of the station houses and Bridewell. Any respectable citizen who might leave his horse and buggy through forgetfulness, thereby incurring a fine of $3 or $5, was subjected to the same indignities and indignities before trial as he who committed burglary or had attempted murder. This was not right. A certain amount of discretion was due to a man of character who had violated a city ordinance through ignorance. He should not be classed among the common felons of the city. The whole question had been promulgated to the police force without the knowledge or consent of the Board. This was an insult to the dignity and intelligence of the Board. It was a usurpation of one-man power that the Board thought part of the duties and subordinate of the Superintendent should have. The Superintendent should have consulted with the Board before he issued the order. The dignity of the position occupied by the Board with regard to the regulation of matters pertaining to the Police Department demanded such a recognition from the Superintendent.

The speaker remembered very distinctly when the Superintendent "never failed to consult with the Board when a question of uniforms was even slightly pertinent. Much valuable time had been wasted in deciding whether the coats of uniform should be an inch tacked to them, whether the pants should have soft or stiff fronts, or whether the vests should be an inch longer or an inch shorter. He remembered that the Superintendent took an active part in those discussions, and was very emphatic that the Board should be consulted in all matters. The Board, however, was not consulted when the liberties of the people were imperiled in jeopardy. The general order referred to might be strictly correct in a legal sense. Without questioning that point, he would say that the manner in which it was issued was far from legal. He would like to hear the Superintendent's explanation.

Commissioner Sheridan spoke of the recent raid upon the gamblers. He believed that the right to have been made, but the authority should have been obtained from the Board. The Board was responsible to the people for the acts of the police force, and it has a right to know how and in what manner its time is employed. The City Charter explicitly defined the duties of the Superintendent on this point in the very first section; any person of ordinary intelligence could understand its provisions.

Commissioner Reno inquired if the Superintendent worked under rules drawn up by the Board.

He was informed that he did, and that those rules were in harmony with the City Charter.

Commissioner Reno desired to see a copy of the rules.

Commissioner Sheridan went in search of one, but failed to find it anywhere about the building.

Commissioner Reno said he favored several of the points taken by his colleagues. He was now in the business, but his common sense told him that the honest citizen, who had simply violated an ordinance of the city, should not be treated like a man who had violated the laws of God and society. He was constrained to believe, from his limited knowledge of the duties and powers of the Board, that the Superintendent were consulted with it before taking such a step.

Commissioner Sheridan read the following extracts from Sections 4, 6, and 13, of Chapter 10 of the City Charter, upon which his remarks and those of Commissioner Klokke were based, and upon which the power of the Board in the matter discussion were derived:

Section 4. Said Board shall assume and exercise the general control of the police forces of said city, and shall have full power and authority over the police force, to appoint, appoint stations, and discipline the same.

Section 6. The duties of the police forces shall be exercised under the direction and control of said Board, and such rules and regulations which it is authorized to pass from time to time, for the government and discipline of its subordinates and the police force of said city. * * *

Section 13. The Superintendent of Police shall report to the Board of Police a detail of the force employed, showing any house or room, within the limits of the city or county, used as a common gaming house or cockpit, and if two or more houses, rooms, or cockpits, and if two or more houses, rooms, or cockpits within the said city, and not belonging to the police force, or any one of the Commissioners of Police, any one of the Commissioners of Police is hereby authorized to issue a warrant, directed to any police officer, commanding such officer to enter such house, room, or cockpit, and to arrest all persons found therein, and to seize all implements of gaming found therein, and to destroy all implements of gaming which may be found in

MONEY AND COMMERCE.

MONETARY.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Dec. 4.

We find no appreciable abatement in the stringency in the local money market. The demand for accommodation at bank is still largely in excess of the ability or disposition of the banks to meet, and obligations maturing at banks are not promptly met. *A* cannot pay *B* because he cannot collect from *B*, and *B* cannot pay because he cannot collect from *C*, and *C* cannot pay because he cannot collect from *D*. Of course, if this is traced back far enough, it would come at last to some debtor who cannot pay, because he has either lost his means of payment or cannot sell what he has on hand. We think these final debtors, who cannot pay are the farmers, who have realized nothing from their corn crop, but little from their wheat, and have only begun to realize on their hogs and cattle. There is reason to believe, however, that the marketing of hogs and cattle will soon set the process of liquidation in motion. A very small amount of ready money placed in the hands of the farmers will be the means of liquidating a dozen times as much indebtedness in a few weeks.

In the open market prime business paper sells at 1½ to 2 per cent.

New York exchange was firmer to-day, though most sales were made at yesterday's price, which was par.

CLEARING HOUSE INVESTIGATIONS.

The Clearing House Association of any city is an association of banks who have confidence enough in each other to make a mutual interchange of checks drawn by the customers of each bank, holding the checks over until the next day's clearings. Of course, this interchange of checks is based on the presumption that both the drawer of each check and the bank upon which it is drawn are good. In this way every bank is guaranteeing, every day, that the drawer of a check and the bank upon which it is drawn will continue as good until the next day as each were at the time the check was drawn. For at least twenty hours, therefore, every bank member of a clearing house association guarantees the character of every other bank, and every customer of every other bank of the association shall become no worse. This guarantee, continued from day to day, is a contributions indorsement by the association of the character of the individual banks, and makes the association to some extent responsible for them, at least in the public estimation. In this view of the case, we hold that it is the duty of the clearing house association to have such a knowledge of the condition of each of the associate banks as will warrant the confidence of the public invited by the admission of a bank to the association. It is pretty well understood that for over a year there have been several banks members of the Chicago Clearing House that have no right to be there. The reasons for this are different in the case of each bank. With some of them the particular reason is that both their capital and business are too small to put them on an equality with other members; but whatever reasons may be found, it is evidently the duty of the Association to investigate and know. While a week two banks have found it convenient to "withdraw" from the Association, and, though no general movement of investigation has been made, we hold that it should be done; perhaps two or three more of the "small fry" would find it convenient to withdraw.

INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

The Comptroller of the Currency calls attention, in his report, to the illegitimate accumulation of country bank deposits in the New York banks in the dull seasons of the year, and the effect which this has to induce the loan of the money by the New York banks on doubtful collaterals, and thus stimulate the speculation in stocks, being, as he says, "thrown upon the Stock Board to unsettle values throughout the country, and alternately depress and depress the value of every commodity."

It cannot be denied that the payment of interest on deposits is a pernicious practice, incompatible with sound principles of banking, and that it has some effect in the direction indicated by the Comptroller, though we are inclined to believe it is not to so great an extent as imagined by the Comptroller or by the public generally. One evidence of this is, that the most rigid of speculations of Wall street have, for a couple of years past, been inaugurated and carried to their highest pitch, where they absorbed the most money, just at the season when there was known to be no excess of country bank deposits in New York. The great gold gamble which culminated in Black Friday, 1869, and the recent corner in Northwestern and another in the same stock the spring of 1869, are instances of this. As for these speculations "unsettling the value of every commodity throughout the country," we do not think any such effect will be admitted by those who recognize that the value of commodities is regulated by the demand for them and the supply to meet the demand, and that demand and supply of commodities is in no way affected by the gambling in railway stocks in New York. When the gamblers take hold of gold it has some effect in that direction, but very little. It was well known that the great gold gamble in September, 1869, when gold was artificially advanced to 162, did not affect the relative values of greenbacks and commodities in any important degree. It was well known that the price was abnormal, and that this high price could be had only of a few individuals who had no power to depress the Government credit.

But, as said before, not denying that the payment of interest on deposits is a pernicious practice, which does the bank which pays it more harm than any one else, let us consider the Comptroller's proposed plan for correcting it; One part of this plan is, that "country banks, or any which may presume to be country banks outside of the redemption cities, and of whom only a 15 per cent reserve is now required by law, shall be required to keep a larger proportion of reserve *on hand*. This is undoubtedly a move in the right direction. Not only is the proportion of reserve which the country banks keep on hand too small (only about 7 per cent), but even the 15 per cent amount of reserve required might with propriety be increased to at least 18 per cent of circulation and deposits. But the Comptroller proposes also to offer the country banks an inducement, in other words to *bribe* them, to comply with the proposed requirement of the law, and to offer this inducement in the way of the re-issue of the 3 per cent certificates, which are now just about all retired, in accordance with the act of July, 1870. He proposes "a Government issue, bearing a low rate of interest, to be counted as a certain proportion of the reserves of country banks."

Unless a discrimination were made in favor of country banks in the issue and availability of these proposed certificates for reserve, the city banks would be much more likely to gobble up the new issues as an investment for the surplus deposits they get from the country banks. If the discrimination was made, and the certificates made available as reserve only when held by country banks, they would stand in the same position as registered bonds, and their negotiability to a considerable extent destroyed. Again, to compete with the city banks for any surplus funds the country banks may have, the Government would have to pay at least as much interest as the city banks, viz.: 4 per cent, a rate which would be entirely too high. But without multiplying instances of the impracticability of the Comptroller's proposal, the principle of *bribing*, by offering a consideration for complying with reasonable requirements of the law, would condemn the plan.

THE BANK OF MONTREAL.

A few months ago we mentioned that the Bank of Montreal was about to increase its capital stock for the probable purpose of increasing its power to speculate in gold, bonds, and stocks in New York. This is, in fact, the only reasonable explanation for the increase of the capital of a bank that was already too large for the legitimate commercial business it commands in Canada. The increase of capital has at length been made, but the call upon Canadian stockholders has produced a pressure for money in Montreal, as will be seen by the following from the Montreal *Herald* of Nov. 30:

> The issue of $4,000,000 new stock by the Bank of Montreal has created no little excitement in financial circles. Only 40 per cent of the stock has to be taken up at once; but, as it is issued at 50 per cent premium, the amount of money to be paid is $2,800,000. Many of the shares of which the stock was allocated viz., the old shareholders of the bank, hypothecated their shares, and received advances on them from other banks, which banks did not wish to pay up the instalments, and therefore the stock allocated to old at any figure they could sell. In consequence there has been a startling fall in the price of Montreal Bank stock. It stood on Thursday at 220, and sold at 206 and 207, and yesterday closed at 202. Other banks felt the pressure on the money market, and their stocks depreciated in value, although not to the same extent as that of the Montreal Bank. The movement of the Montreal Bank in this matter is unwise and injudicious at the present time. It might have been better regulated in the interests of the country.

HAVE NOT FAILED.

We cheerfully make the following correction of an error copied from the Cincinnati *Gazette*:

> *To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:*
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> We notice that in issue of Nov. 30, you give publicity to a financial article from the Cincinnati *Gazette*, reporting our failure in connection with the suspension of W. P. Cutler & Co. We will be obliged if you will partly set right a great wrong by giving equal publicity to the enclosed correction from the *Gazette* of last Tuesday. All the papers here have cheerfully made the correction, and as we have considerable business with the Northwest, great injury will be done us if it is not made in your paper. We have not been under protest in any way, and will not be. Cutler & Co. propose to pay in full; but, even if they did not, we are not involved, as also by their suspension.
>
> R. H. LEARNING & Co.

REAL ESTATE.

The following instruments were filed for record on Wednesday, Dec. 4:

SOUTH SIDE PROPERTY.

North State st, s w corner of Superior st, s f, 182x90 ft, dated Oct. 26; consideration, $8,000.

N ½ of Lot 14, in Block 122, School Section Addition, dated Nov. 1; consideration, $10,000.

Seventeen lots in Gage et al Subdivision of e ½ s e ¼ Sec 22, 39, 14, dated Nov. 1; consideration, $10,500

Calumet av, bet Thirty-second and Thirty-third st s w f, 350 ft to alley, dated Nov. 14; consideration, $20,000.

Wabash av, s e corner of Eldridge court, w f, 83½x120 ft, dated Aug. 20; consideration, $125,000. The parties are Plymouth Congregational Society to the Catholic Bishop.

Loomis st, s w corner of Howard st, s f, 192x100 ft with 92x124 ft on Howard st, in same block; date Dec. 3; consideration, $12,000.

Lots 22 to 25, in Block 1, Chester Park Addition, dated Aug. 27; consideration, $5,000.

Third Parkav, n w corner of Lincoln st, 24x100 s n 79x66 ft, dated Oct. 1; consideration, $3,700.

Robey st, s e corner Thirty-seventh st, entire blk, dated Jan. 15; consideration, $20,000.

Indiana av, bet Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth sts, e f, 80 ft to alley, dated Aug. 29; consideration, $29,000.

Lot 43, in Block 16, of s w ¼ Sec 20, 39, 14, dated Nov. 25; consideration, $1,500.

Sub-lot 2 of Lots 1 and 2, of D C of Block 8, Sheffield's Addition, dated Nov. 18; consideration, $1,000.

Twelve lots in Rawson's Subdivision, in s e ¼ Sec 13, 39, 13, dated Oct. 19; consideration, $5,000.

West Twentieth st, 166 ft o of Ashland av, n f, 25x124 ft, dated July 11; consideration, $1,000.

Mitchell st, bet Ashland av and Lafin st, s f, 24 ft to alley, dated Nov. 13; consideration, $1,250.

Lots 9 to 13, 35, Block 9 of Cæsar H. Hardesty's Addition, dated Nov. 13; consideration, $1,000.

Lots 30 and 31, in same, dated Nov. 9; consideration, $2,000.

Lots 4 to 6, in Block 2 of Block 2, in s e ¼ Sec 20, 39, 14, dated Oct. 7; consideration, $3,382.

Lot 41, of s ½ Block 55 and 56, Sec 12, 39, 14, dated Nov. 30; consideration, $800.

West Forty-first st, n s, 50 ft e of Campbell av, e f, 25 ft, dated July 27; consideration, $1,625.

Lot 4 of Lot 9, in Block 45, Original Town, dated Oct. 25; consideration, $15,500.

Wallace st, bet Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth sts, e f, 25 ft to alley, dated Oct. 7; consideration, $1,250.

Lot 9, in Block 1, in Purple's Subdivision, s w ¼ Sec 11, 39, 13, dated Nov. 29; consideration, $455.

Lots 25 and 27, in Block 15, in Pierce's Addition to Holstein, dated Dec. 2; consideration, $1,000.

Lot 6, in Block 2, in Tayler & Kriegler's Subdivision of n ½ Sec 4, 38, 14, dated Sept 30; consideration, $500.

COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Dec. 4.

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in this city during the past twenty-four hours, and for the corresponding date a year ago:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	1872.	1871.	1872.	1871.
Flour, brls	9,941	5,459	4,782	1,664
Wheat, bu	60,830	32,540	15,040	5,418
Corn, bu	33,440	61,730	3,152	5,492
Oats, bu	23,740	34,730	9,547	3,379
Rye, bu	1,790	737	1,97 4	
Barley, bu	26,330	10,615	6,7 00	3,998
Grass seed, lbs	39,840	5,650	55,408	19,279
Flax seed, lbs		760	27,840	
Broom corn, lbs	34,120	3,000	3 ,270	2,010
Cured meats, lbs	572,000	202,000	112 ,376	527,132
Beef, brls			200	170
Pork, brls		417	2,875	2,870
Lard, lbs	13,155	3,110	644,660	887,760
Tallow, lbs	21,200	6,460	71,100	459
Butter, lbs	70,250	30,930	37,671	2 ,530
Dressed hogs, No	97	1,200	652	427
Live hogs, No	27,441	18,276	1,000	2,522
Cattle, No	3,970	1,985	854	260
Sheep, No	1,138	34	854	
Hides, lbs	130,682	76,800	166,314	53,088
High wines, brls	274	120	220	266
Wool, lbs	88,760	450,944	216,412	2 18,000
Potatoes, bu	85	3,053		
Lumber, m feet	715	854	1,428	674
Shingles, m	230	840	1,820	811
Lath, m	35		1,000	1,000
Salt, brls	5,400	60	1,008	2,488

Withdrawn from store yesterday for city consumption 3,411 bu wheat; 3,620 bu corn; 2,987 bu oats; 420 bu rye; 10,312 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning, up to 10 o'clock: 118 cars wheat; 53 cars corn; 29 cars oats; 10 cars rye; 54 cars barley. Total, 262 cars, or 99,000 bu.

C. W. Brega, well-known on 'Change, returned to-day from his wedding tour.

The fact that a few persons could be found to vote yesterday against the expulsion of Munn & Scott from the Board of Trade occasioned some little surprise to-day. The difficulty was explained by the statement that several parties voted the ticket "against" without looking at it, supposing it to be "for," as they had no idea that tickets would be offered them on the other side. It is not probable that one per cent of the memberships of the Board would have knowingly voted to retain Munn & Scott. The general feeling was not one of vindictiveness, but of conviction that the Board of Trade must expel, in justice to itself before the community.

The elevator of Hough Bros., situated at Bridgeport, will open on Monday next for the reception of grain, with a capacity of 1,500,000 bu. They will take from the St. Louis & Alton, and the Chicago, Danville & Vincennes Railroad. They will also take out a license under the State law, undeterred by the fear of not making money enough from the legal rates of storage. In this respect they will set a commendable example to their older brethren, who so old ask for a change in the law with all the better grace if they would only show a disposition to submit to it. Hough Bros. are to be congratulated on having the courage to do what they believe to be right, in the face of flattering inducements to the contrary. The public would to know if Vincent, Nelson & Co. will take the same position.

While there is no doubt that the gentlemen who are now running the grain warehouse business in this city are not only anxious to preserve the integrity of their grain receipts, and to show to the public that they do conduct their business in such a way as not to imperil the rights of parties holding their paper, it should not be forgotten we want a real Warehouse law as badly as ever. It is all well enough to say that the warehouse proprietors are honorable men, but we have walked by faith in that direction a little too long. The public should be placed properly in their hands for safe keeping, ought to have some guarantees besides personal honor, especially when the public has no voice in selecting the men to whom they confide their property. We must have some law under which the warehousemen shall operate, and, if the present law is found to be defective or unjust in one or more points, we presume there would not be much difficulty in having it amended, if the case were clearly made out. The Warehouse law has been on little more than a dead letter during the two years that have elapsed since its enforcement set in, and it is about time to see what is the matter. Recent events show that *all* warehousemen cannot be trusted upon their honor, and our own sense tells us that there is no necessity for blind reliance in any case.

The St. Louis *Democrat* thinks there is no further use for the St. Lawrence, and that a proposition to have it dry up in favor of the Mississippi is now in order. The reason for this conclusion is, that four steamers of the Allan line, hitherto plying between Montreal and Liverpool, are about to be placed on the route from Liverpool to New Orleans and (we presume) return. There is no reason on earth (or ally visited by an ocean steamer, and no reason why St. Louis should not rejoice at the success of a sister city, though she may not be willing to extend her congratulations to Chicago.

THE MARKETS.

The leading produce markets were again slow to-day, the volume of business transacted being small, with few changes in prices of considerable extent. At the same time it is not forgotten that a fluctuation of ½@¾c is not unfrequent occurrence. We quote:

Wheat—No 1 spring at 97½c for new, cash or seller December; do seller January, 97½c; do seller February, 97½c; do seller March 97½c. Sweet pickled hams, 8@10c, and green hams at 7½c for 15 lb averages, and 6¾@6¾c for 16 lb averages. Green shoulders, 5½@5¾c; do rough sides, 4¾@4¾c; do short ribs, 6½@6¾c; do short clear, 7¼@7½c; Cumberlands, 7½@7¾c; do packable at 8½c; do shoulders; 5½c for short ribs, and 6c for short clear. Boxed shoulders, seller December, quoted at 4c. English meats, for delivery in December and January, 6¾c for Cumberlands; 6c for short ribs, or long clear; 6¼@6¾c for short clear; 8¾@8½c for long cut hams. Mess beef, $8.50@9.00; extra mess do, $9.50@10.00; beef hams, $20.50@30.00. City tallow, 8@8½c; grease, quoted at 6@6½c. Sales were reported of 200 brls mess pork (name's brand) at $12.00; 60 do at $11.87½; 1,250 brls do seller March at $12.00; 1,400 tcs lard at 7¾c; 100 tcs do seller January at $7.15; 300 tcs do seller January and February at $7.15; 200 boxes and 5,000 lbs shoulders at 4c; 40 boxes short ribs at 6½c; 40 boxes do at 6c; 500 boxes long sides, seller the month, at 6¾c; 20,000 lbs seller at 6¾c boxed; 100,000 lbs do and 5,000 lbs green hams (15 lbs) at 7¾c; 1,000 lbs do (16 lbs) at 7½c; 40,000 lbs do long cut (21 lbs) at 7¾c.

Flour was in fair demand, in proportion to the supply, and the views of holders were firm in consequence. Spring extras were quoted strong; and supers, being scarce, were often held above the views of buyers. Our flour market is not active in the same sense as a few years ago, but dealers find the last half of this year to be much more satisfactory in a business point of view than any same time previously. Sales were reported of 80 brls white winters at $9.25; 100 brls do at $7.37½; 200 brls do on private terms; 100 brls spring extras at $6.25; 100 brls do at $6.12½; 100 brls do at $6.00; 1,000 brls do on private terms; 75 brls buckwheat at $3.00; 25 brls do at $7.00; 50 brls do at $7.87½; 10 brls do at $7.00; 50 brls corn meal (Smith's) on private terms. Total, 1,960 brls. Also, 50 tons of bran at $11.00 on track; 25 tons shorts at $12.00 on track. The following is the range of prices:

Fair to choice winter extras	$5.50@ 9.75
Red winter extras	6.50@ 7.50
Good to choice spring extras	6.50@ 8.50
Low to medium do	5.00@ 6.50
Good to fancy Minnesota	6.00@ 7.25
Spring superfines	3.00@ 4.50
Rye flour	3.60@ 4.50
Buckwheat flour	7.50@ 8.00
Brin	11.00@11.50
Middlings	11.00@13.00
Cornmeal, kiln-dried	2.10@ 2.85

Wheat averaged a shade lower than yesterday, and was rather less regular, owing to the reception of an erroneous despatch, and its subsequent correction. The early telegram from Liverpool quoted that market as 5d per 100 lbs lower, and prices declined here giving the opportunity to fill in, which was embraced by several parties who either knew or expected that a mistake had been made. After the mistake had been corrected the market became firmer, under a more active demand, though with no encouragement either from New York or in the condition here. After 12 o'clock the market was dull, with a tinge of weakness, the receipts being large and four times the shipments. There was a moderate demand for car lots for shipment, and buyers again discriminated against North Side houses, owing to the greater difficulty of loading cars there. Seller January opened at $1.10¾, advanced ¼c, declined to $1.09¾, and closed at $1.10¾. Seller the month sold at $1.08¾@1.09¾, closing at $1.09¼ seller the month cash. No. 2 spring was quoted at $1.16@1.16½; No. 3 spring at $1.00 and rejected do at 90c, in houses not on the North Side. Cash sales were reported of 1,600 bu No. 1 spring at $1.16½; 3,600 bu do at $1.16; 4,000 bu No. 2 spring at $1.09¾; 45,000 bu do at $1.09; 25,200 bu do at $1.08¾; 5,600 bu No. 3 spring at $1.00; 800 bu do at 99¾c; 10,800 bu do at 99c; 2,000 bu rejected spring at 90c; 2,800 bu do at 87½c. Total, 101,400 bu.

Corn is again dull, and ½c lower, the causes of the depressed feeling being those of a local character which have been several times noted in these columns recently. There is no shipping demand, and speculative buyers hold off in anticipation of heavy receipts that will swell our stocks in store to a large volume before the opening of navigation. The receipts of to-day were not heavy, and could have been easily disposed of but for the fear of that which is to come. The new corn is now in good order, and will probably come forward as fast as it can be brought here—hence nervousness. There would be a larger movement eastward but for a difficulty experienced in obtaining cars. It was rumored that several orders were on the floor to sell to arrive, but the offerings were withheld in the manifest absence of buyers. Cash No. 2 for seller the month, opened at 30½c, declined ½c, and closed firmer at 30¾c. Seller January sold at 30¾@31c, and closed at 30½c, this option being in fair demand late in the session. Seller May was quoted dull and nominal at 35c, and seller June do at 36c asked. Rejected was very quiet at the inside price of yesterday. Cash sales were reported of 58,000 bu at 30½c; 57,000 bu do at 30¾c; 1,600 bu rejected at 28½c; 1,600 bu do at 30c, on track. Total, 98,100 bu.

Oats were quiet, but somewhat firmer than yesterday, the offerings being very light, except of rejected, which were freely taken hold of for local use, at 22@22½c. Seller the month or cash sold at 24@24½c; seller January at 24¾@24½c, and sell r February at 25@25½c, all closing with holders firm at the outside. Cash sales were reported of 15,000 bu No. 2 at 24½c; 1,800 bu do at 24½c; 1,200 bu do at 24c; 1,600 bu rejected at 22½c; 6,000 bu do at 23½c; 1,200 bu do at 22c. Total, 21,400 bu.

Rye was quiet and again ½@¾c higher, being still in light supply, while the demand for car lots for shipment continues good, and there is also a fair inquiry from local consumers. The stock now here changes its volume very slowly, and is all held c. There were reported for 8,000 bu No. 2 at 93½c, and 2,000 bu do at 93¾c. A sale was also made yesterday afternoon of 5,000 bu at 93c. Rejected was nominal at about 90c.

Barley was rather quiet, but steady at the range of prices reported yesterday, the demand being about equal to the supply. No. 2, in ordinary houses, sold at 61¾@62c; mostly at 61¾c, which was paid for seller the month. Seller January sold at 62c. No. 3 was in demand at 53c, in Armour, Dole & Co.'s, and at 51@51½c in other houses. Sample lots were in better request, and all lots offered were freely taken. Cash sales were reported of 400 bu No. 2 at 65c; 1,600 bu do at 64c; 4,800 bu do at 64¼c; 9,600 bu do at 61½c; 800 bu do at 61¾c; 2,000 bu No. 3 at 53c; 800 bu do at 51¾c; 2,400 bu rejected at 49c; 400 bu by sample at 50c; 400 bu do at 57c; 1,600 bu do at 55c; 400 bu do at 52c; 400 bu do at 53c; 400 bu do at 65c; 400 bu do at 63c, all on track. Total, 23,400 bu.

LUMBER.

A gentleman in Michigan has been putting a few figures together, and considers that we pay tribute to Chicago on our lumber about as follows: Commissions, inspection, etc., 50 cents; indirect Inspector's fees (small estimate), 50 cents; yard profits, $4.75; total, $5.75. Deduct from this $3.75 the difference between yard and jobbing yard prices, and $1 for the expense of tallying on mill docks and transferring to cars in Chicago, and we have at the very lowest estimate, a margin of from $3.00 to $4.00, which can be saved to our manufacturers, on 600,000,000 feet of lumber which annually passes through Chicago to country yards, by piling it on their docks and keeping it there until country yard men call for it. We give this statement, because if it is true, there is no harm in stating the fact, and if not true, our lumber dealers will know of a charge which is being industriously circulated in the country in the hope of drawing away trade from Chicago.

THE GRAIN MOVEMENT.

The Buffalo *Commercial Advertiser* gives statistics of the grain trade of that city for the first eleven months of the year, from which we quote:

The imports of flour and grain by lake and Grand Trunk Railway were:

	Flour, brls.	Grain, bush.	Grain, bushy Flour, bu.
	For November.	*From Jan. 1 to Dec. 1*	
1872	760,190	58,244,528	62,037,818
1871	1,218,220	59,220,122	66,020,747
1870	1,091,747	51,649,566	44,922,440
1869	1,258,021	36,646,127	42,443,267
1868	2,695,351	58,115,887	50,302,820

The following shows the receipts of flour and grain by the Lake Shore Railway for the month of November, and from Jan. 1 to Dec. 1, 1871 and 1872:

	For November.	1871.	1872.
Flour, brls	182,200	1,345,326	1,178,103
Wheat, bu	175,600	1,883,000	1,098,600
Corn, bu	631,400	9,378,400	13,410,000
Oats, bu	722,300	5,433,450	6,738,600
Barley, bu	84,900	204,294	312,570
Rye, bu	28,500	98,500	38,800
Total	1,513,300	16,494,961	21,618,470

The following shows the shipments of grain by rail, including the through shipments and city shipments:

	Through Shipments.	City Shipments.	Total.
Wheat, bu	13,077,400	2,767,147	15,844,547
Corn, bu	13,959,400	3,009,503	16,199,903
Oats, bu	6,660,500	1,313,443	7,973,943
Barley, bu	272,000	290,444	562,444
Rye, bu	56,200	7,068	63,268
Total, bu	21,849,900	6,537,975	27,387,475

The following exhibit shows the amount of flour and grain shipped from Buffalo by canal from the opening of navigation to Dec. 1, for the last four years:

Flour, brls.	1869. 51,668	1870. 74,427	1871. 49,150	1872. 5,172
Wheat, bu	16,348,228	16,864,543	19,000,309	11,601,669
Corn, bu	7,340,441	5,019,299	30,832,515	30,892,408
Oats, bu	4,356,094	5,326,198	6,621,697	4,338,237
Barley, bu	77,577	288,443	1,031,023	1,990,808
Rye, bu	90,977	356,159	1,702,947	310,715
Total	28,462,917	29,106,639	48,990,491	42,733,235

The annexed statement shows the aggregate receipts of canal tolls at Buffalo from the opening of the canal, May 1 to Dec. 1, from 1860 to 1866, inclusive; May 6 to Dec. 1, 1867; May 4 to Dec. 1, 1868; May 10 to Dec. 1, 1869, and 1870; April 26 to Dec. 1, 1871, and May 13 to Dec. 1, 1872:

1872	$1,418,080.93
1871	1,380,816.17
1870	1,058,625.02
1869	1,643,196.48
1868	6,079,716.69

THE HOG PRODUCT.

According to the late assessment returns, made last spring, the number of hogs in the State of Iowa was found to be 1,244,169. The number of hogs returned by the assessment of the year before was 1,008,871. This shows an increase in the number of hogs of this State, this year over last, of 235,498. This is a very large increase. It is a noticeable fact that our farmers are now improving from year to year in the quality of their hogs—by selecting rid of their common stock and introducing their finer breeds as rapidly as possible. This process enhances the quality of our pork; and the yield per hog, from year to year, is more than is indicated in the excess of number alone. According to the assessment of last spring, the heaviest hog counties are Clinton with 39,113 head; Cedar, 36,272; Scott, 34,777; Dubuque, 33,544; Johnson, 33,469; Jasper, 32,765; Mahaska, 31,808; Keokuk, 31,811; Marion, 31,150; Jackson, 30,048; Benton, 28,582; Wapello, 28,099; Scott, 26,819; Jefferson, 24,506; Page, 23,544; Polk, 23,318; Muscatine, 23,510; Louisa, 20,948.

FISH IN SANDUSKY.

An exchange says: "Mr. James W. Milner, of Waukegan, Wis., Deputy United States Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries, was in the city last week, gathering statistics relative to the fishing interests of our city. Mr. Milner stated that Sandusky takes the lead by far in the business, having received during the period covered by the last report 17,000,000 pounds of fish, 4,000,000 more than all the other fishing points on the American shores of the lakes. The forthcoming report of the Commissioner will appear in February."

SALT.

The *Saginaw Courier* says: "The salt market is quiet, and there are no especial features to report. Several sales have been made in Bay County at about $1.50, and there is now but very little salt on hand unsold in that county. The early and rather sudden closing of navigation left a larger quantity of salt on the river than would have been the case had navigation closed ten days later, as was anticipated would be the case by several large shippers who had a quantity of salt ready for shipment, expecting vessels to load at Bridgeport. Frue, George W. Dell, Deputy Salt Inspector, we learn, that there is on and on the river 102,413 barrels, divided as follows:

Salt packed, brls	46,498
Salt unpacked, brls	55,915
Total	102,413

"This is all A No. 1 salt, and, under the improvement in the inspection system, of a better character of salt than last year or the same grades. According to Lewis & Headley's report for 1871, there was on hand at the close of the year 103,794 barrels. The above estimate of salt on hand for 1872 is made to Dec. 1. Of the amount on hand it is estimated that from 25,000 to 30,000 barrels, mostly in Bay County, are sold, leaving perhaps 75,000 barrels on hand unsold. There are, however, some fifteen works on the river that have one and two blocks in operation, and will run the whole or greater part of the winter."

LEATHER.

In the afternoon wheat was fairly active, and firmer. No. 2 spring sold at $1.09¾@1.09¾ seller the month, closing at $1.09¾, and $1.10¾@1.10¾ seller January, closing at the inside. Corn was moderately active and ½c lower, selling at 30¾@30½c seller the month, and 30¾@30½c seller January, both closing at the inside. Other grain and provisions were neglected.

CHICAGO DAILY MARKET.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Dec. 4.

ALCOHOL—Was in moderate request. We continue to quote 94 per cent proof at $1.76@1.82.

BROOM CORN—There is a tolerably fair demand for the higher grades on both local and shipping account, but, as in very little liquid supply and rather quiet. We continue to quote: Choice green self-working, 5½@5¾c per lb; No. 2 do, 5@5½c; No. stalk brush, 3@5c; No. 2 do, 4@4½c; No. 2 do, 3@4c; inside grass, 4@4½c; do red tip, 3c; do pale and red, 2@3½c.

BEANS—There was some inquiry for fair to choice beans; but common varieties are very plenty and dull. Prices are unchanged. We quote: Navies at $2.00@2.50; fair to common do, $1.75@2.00; mammoth, $1.00@1.50. Sales include 40 bu good at $2.00.

BUTTER—There was only a fair amount of trading in low grades of butter to-day, but good to choice qualities were moving on a liberal scale, and were firmly held at full former rates. Following are the quotations: Strictly choice dairy, 25@26c; medium to good, 18@22c; inferior to common, 8@17c.

BAGGING—Dealers report continued dullness in this department of trade, about the only inquiry being for burlaps and gunnies. Grain bags and wool sacks are inactive and nominal. We report our list as follows: Stark, 35½c; Ludlow, 35c; Lewiston, Me., American, 32c; Otter Creek, 32½c; burlap bags, 4 and 5 lbs, 20@22½c; gunnies, single, 19@19½c; do, double, 28c; wool sacks, 48 @50c.

BUILDING MATERIALS—Continue quiet and unchanged. Common brick is quoted at $11.00@12.00, with no demand. It is estimated that there are from 30,000,000 to 40,000,000 of brick that will have to be carried over. We quote: Stone, $3.00@4.00; New York stucco, casing, $1.75@4.00; superfine do, $4.00@5.00; Rosendale cement, $3.25@3.50; Utica cement, $5.00 per bbl; Louisville cement, $2.00; Akron cement, $2.00; Portland cement, $3.25@3.50; lime, in bulk, $1.00@1.25; lime (in brls) $1.35@1.60; per brl; white sand, per brl, $2.75@3.00; plastering hair, per bu, 40@45c; fire brick, per 1,000, $40.00@50.00; building brick common, $11.00@12.00; cream brick, $15.00@14.00; Woodcock pressed range at $25.00@30.00; the Louis Hydraulic pressed, $45.00, del; Milwaukee, $23.00, del; Racine, $30.00 del; Hinsdale, $25.00, del; fire clay, per brl, $4.00@5.00. The following is the list of prices per box of 40 feet, for galvanized window glass, from which a reduction of 40 per cent is made by dealers:

	Per Box.	Double Strength.
6x 8 to 7x 9	$ 5.75	$ 6.00
7x10 to 8x10	6.00	6.00
9x11 to 10x13	7.00	9.50
10x14 to 10x16	7.50	11.00
11x14 to 12x16	8.00	11.50
14x14 to 14x20	8.00	17.00
14x22 to 16x24	8.00	17.00
16x22 to 18x30	10.50	18.50
18x24 to 20x30	12.00	20.00
20x26 to 24x30	13.00	22.00
26x34 to 26x40	14.00	24.00
28x30 to 28x44	14.00	26.00
30x30 to 30x54	14.00	27.00
32x34 to 34x36		34.00
34x38 to 34x50		38.00
36x40 to 40x60		40.00

CANNED GOODS—The movement in canned goods was again of a liberal character, and the market continues firm as previously quoted. Following are the prices current:

Tomatoes, 2 lb	$2.00@2.25
Peaches, 2 lb	2.25@2.50
Pears, 2 lb	2.25@2.50
Plums, damsons, 2 lb	1.75@2.00
Plums, green gages, 2 lb	2.25@2.50
Pineapples, 2 lb	2.75@3.00
Strawberries, 2 lb	2.50@2.75
Raspberries	2.00@2.50
Blackberries, 2 lb	2.00@2.25
Gooseberries, 2 lb	2.00@2.25
Quinces, 2 lb	2.25@2.50
Damsons, 2 lb	1.75@2.00
Tomatoes, 3 lb	2.50@2.75
Corn, Egin	2.00@2.00
Corn, Benton Harbor	2.00@2.00
Corn, Yarmouth	2.00@2.00
Peas, 2 lb	2.00@2.50
Lima beans, 2 lb	2.00@2.75
Succotash, 2 lb	2.75
Lobster, 1 lb	3.50
Lobster, 2 lb	2.25@2.50
Oysters, 2 lb	1.50
Oysters, 1lb	1.00

CHEESE—Was again quoted dull and weak. Prime factory cheese is actually still pressed on the "by way of" in favor were being offered at a concession from the quotations. We make no change in our list: New York factory, 14@15c; Ohio factory, 13@13½c; Western factory, 12@13½c.

COAL—Remains strong at former rates. The demand, to-day, was only moderately active at the annexed range of prices: Lehigh, lump, $13.00; Lehigh, prepared, $13.00; Lackawanna, $12.00; Erie, $13.50@14.00; Briar Hill, $10.50@11.00; Walnut Hill, $11.00; Blossburg, $10.00; Cherry Mine, $10.00; Hocking Valley, $10.00; Cannel Coal, $9.50; Indiana block, $9.00@9.50; Minonk, $8.00; Wilmington, $7.00.

COOPERAGE—There was a fair inquiry, with ample offerings. Lard darkeed were higher, sales being made at 31.90. We quote: Pork barrels, $1.50@1.55; lard tierces, $1.80@1.90; whiskey barrels, $2.15 @2.25; flour barrels, 80@85c; rough staves $18.00@ 20.00; pork staves, $28.00@30.00; flour staves, $8.00@9.00; circle flour headings, 6@8c ♥ set; flour hoop poles, $14.00@17.00 ♥ m; pork and tierce poles, $35.00@40.00 ♥ m; whiskey barrel staves, $28.00@27.00 ♥ m; whiskey hoops, $100.00@110.00 ♥ m.

CALIFORNIA FRUITS—Were in fair request. Prices were without variation. We continue to quote: East Bourre pears at $4.00@4.50; winter Nellis at $3.50 @4.00; Muscat grapes at 15@20c; Rem di Nice, 25@ 30c; Tokay, 25@30c.

EGGS—There was some inquiry from the local trade for fresh eggs. Pickled and limed are very plenty, and dull at 18@22c. Fresh are firm at 26@28c. Sales include 30 cases at 26c; 60 cases at 27c; 70 do at 26c; 15 cases do, on p. t.; 200 cases at 28c; 100 do at 26c; 1,200 doz choice selected at 30c; 17 pkgs at 22c.

FEATHERS—There was a very fair inquiry for prime feathers on both local and shipping account, with prices ruling steady at 55@60c for prime live geese from first hands; 75@75 for mixed do; 25@30c for assorted feathers; 15@20c for mixed do; 25@30c for duck.

FISH—Business in this department was slack at former quotations: No. 1 whit

12 Texas cattle.
19 Texas cattle.
19 Texas bulls.
26 choice steers.
22 stockers.
15 stockers.
21 stockers.
21 stockers.
16 butchers' steers.
12 butchers' steers.
18 butchers' steers.
29 Texas cattle.
19 butchers' cattle.
19 butchers' cattle.
13 choice steers.
16 choice steers.
20 choice steers.
10 choice steers.
47 medium steers.
17 medium steers.
20 extra sheep cattle.
17 choice steers.
38 smooth dehy steers.
29 good steers.
26 good steers.
109 Texan steers.
16 choice steers.
21 calves, per head.
21 yearlings, per head.
26 heifers, per head.
19 stockers.
42 stockers.
22 stockers.
27 cows.
19 cows.

HOGS—At the range of prices sold yesterday afternoon; viz.: $3.50@3.60, the market to-day was firm, but there was little action in trade, and somewhere in the neighborhood of 12,000 head remain in the yards at the hour of close. The receipts were 20,000, reaching about 25,000, and nine days of the week, 76,000, against 76,226 for the same week, and 41,472 week before last. Shippers, however, anticipate lighter arrivals during the remaining days of the week, and seem confident their ability to sustain the prices. The extreme range was $3.50@3.65, but very few sold above $3.60, and not many below $3.55. Coarse Michigan hogs sold at a wide quotation, and at $3.55@3.60, while the latter figure was obtained for two or three carloads extra assorted hogs. Shippers were very free to put their purchases were small in comparison with the number taken by local packers. The market closed firm and quiet at $3.55@3.60. We note the following:

No.	At.	Price.	No.	At.	Price.	No.	At.
42	311	$3.60	77	263	$3.70	69	288
82	221	3.50	35	268	3.55	69	288
70	247	3.60	29	299	4.00	61	288
69	254	3.60	69	283	3.65	71	288
61	223	3.60	23	283	3.65	70	288
110	299	3.35	25	253	3.50	70	288
61	223	3.90	50	275	3.55	77	288
70	247	3.60	70	288	3.60	61	288
63	283	4.00	61	288	3.60	69	288
70	255	3.90	68	288	3.60	69	288
70	248	3.90	69

FOREIGN.

The Failure of Bowles Brothers a Bad One.

The Gas Makers' Strike in London--The Metropolis Partially in the Dark.

Another Serious Flood Apprehended in Italy.

Loss of a Steamer and Many Lives.

FRANCE.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—A letter from London, Nov. 18, says the meeting of the creditors of Bowles Brothers & Co. showed that the failure of their banking house will turn out a bad one. The partners conducted the business loosely. Charles Bowles is said to have hypothecated securities of whose existence his partners, Robert Bowles and Mr. Keith, knew nothing. One of the creditors, Mr. Meala, deposited $20,000 in bonds in their bank for safe keeping, which they hypothecated without his knowledge, and also failed to convert $5,000 of Nashville bonds for him, which they had undertaken to do. Mrs. Mari a Gates lost $5,000 in bonds, which had been deposited for safety. Transactions to a considerable amount had taken place between Bowles Bros. and T. S. Morgan & Co., all of which appear to be subsequent to the 1st of October last. Robert Bowles states that it was not till that day that anything was due to Messrs. Morgan, yes, since then, $250,000 had been paid them through the New York house. The amount thus paid he described as having been realised from moneys received by Messrs. Bowles in New York and Boston on letters of credit, but not in any way out of the funds of depositors present at the meeting. The failure has occasioned a great deal of inconvenience, and even distress, to American travellers in Europe. Mr. Appleton, of Boston, loses $100,000 which he put into the firm, and it is reported, an attempt will be made to hold him as a general instead of special partner.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Robert Bowles was brought before the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House, to-day, and again remanded for further examination.

PARIS, Dec. 4—Evening.—It is expected that the Committee of Thirty, to be elected by the Assembly, to-morrow, and whose duty it shall be to draw up a law regulating the public powers and prescribing the conditions of Ministerial responsibility, will consist of sixteen Monarchists and fourteen Republicans.

The party of the Right has rejected a proposition for even a partial renewal of the Assembly by appeal to the people.

A meeting of the party of the Left was held to-day, at which, after a powerful speech by Gambetta in advocacy of the dissolution of the Assembly, measures to that end were absolutely insisted upon.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The steamship Cresswell, from Falmouth for Cork, was lost during her voyage, and twenty-one passengers and the crew perished.

Five hundred of the striking stokers employed by the gas companies were summoned before the Police Court on the charge of conspiracy. The companies are unyielding, and the stokers will hold that the companies, whose discharge caused the strike, are taken back. Meanwhile the absence of gas is severely felt. The theatres are compelled to omit their performances; the Underground Railway is in darkness, and candles have advanced. To-day 2,000 of the strikers had a public parade.

LONDON, Nov. 4—7 p. m.—Large portions of the city are in darkness to-night, the gas having been extinguished in many sections. The inhabitants are filled with consternation and dread, and the attribution against the stokers is very great.

The report received here on Sunday of the wreck of the steamship Dalmatian, and the loss of 300 persons on board, proves to have been untrue. The Dalmatian reached Liverpool in safety.

Elizabeth Dredge brought suit to-day in the Court of Queen's Bench against Clinton Winans, a citizen of the United States, to recover $50,000 damages for breach of promise of marriage, but the case was compromised by Winans paying the plaintiff $7,500.

The number of emigrants that left Liverpool during November exceeded that of the previous month by 3,000.

The announcement was made in this city to-day that the subscription books for the Spanish loan of £10,000,000 will be opened in the London market on the 12th.

GERMANY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—A Berlin letter to the London Telegraph says that the storm which passed over the north of Europe on the 14th of November raged with violence unprecedented within the memory of living man. Indeed, the local annals of the Baltic and the Ost Sees and their coasts contain no record of so furious and destructive a tempest for nearly 200 years past. All the lines of railway radiating to different points of the compass from this capital are encumbered with broken or uprooted telegraph poles. Business on the Bourse is at a standstill. The sea walls were smashed into atoms and a train swallowed up in the great waters. The accounts from Stralsund, Kell, Graefswald, Swinemundi, etc., read like descriptions of a second deluge. On Wednesday, the greater part of Graefswald was under water. The Oel Gas stood five feet deep in the streets of that thriving little town. The total number of craft that foundered at Stralsund was over eighty. All the fishing-boats belonging to Zingst, Dars, and Hidensee are gone to the bottom. Eight people were drowned at Venvitz; and all along the coast the inhabitants were ruined and suffering for want of water, the sea having flooded all the wells.

SPAIN.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—A despatch from Madrid says the Royal decree fixes the issue of the new loan to the amount of two hundred and fifty millions of pesetas for the 12th instant.

PARIS, Dec. 4.—There is much excitement in Malaga over apprehensions of a Carlist demonstration in that city. Many families are leaving, and troops are being quartered in the Custom House and cathedral.

PARIS, Dec. 4.—A despatch from Bayonne, in the Department of Basses Pyrenees, says 250 Carlists entered Spain from France yesterday.

Thiers sent a despatch to King Amadeus, congratulating him upon his convalescence.

CUBA.

HAVANA, Dec. 4.—The steamer which arrived here yesterday from Spain brought 200 sailors who were implicated in the Ferrol revolt.

The steamer Fatchoy has arrived with 1,000 coolies, who were sold previous to the arrival of the steamer.

The Diario newspaper, published in Saint Espiritus, announces the arrival there of ten bloodhounds, to be used in capturing the negroes still remaining in the mountains near that city. The hounds were purchased by order of the Commanding General.

ITALY.

ROME, Dec. 4.—Despatches from the north of Italy state that heavy rains have again swollen the waters of the River Po, and another inundation is apprehended.

Telegraphic Brevities.

At a meeting of prominent schoolmen of the State of Ohio, it was decided to take the proper steps for having the system of education as practised in Ohio fully represented at the Vienna Exposition.

The Ohio State Dental Association, in session at Columbus, yesterday, discussed "The Burning Engine," and the best mode of preserving the eyesight of dental practitioners.

At Chippewa Falls, Wis., on Saturday afternoon, Ed. Godette, a lumberman, shot in the abdomen a companion, named Rogers, who had been very friendly to him. Supposed to be on account of jealousy, as both were paying attentions to the same girl.

C. Bennett, a citizen of some prominence in Corsicana, Texas, was fatally shot, on Tuesday night, by a policeman named Wallace. The murderer was killed on Wednesday morning while attempting to escape from his guard.

The winter session of the Ohio Horticultural Society met in Zanesville yesterday. The attendance was large, and the display exceedingly fine. Mr. Warden, President of the Society, presided. The Hon. John O'Neill delivered an address of welcome last evening.

At the general meeting of the Centennial Commission in Philadelphia, yesterday, Commissioners from twenty-seven States were present. The report from the Executive Committee was accepted, and a design for a seal adopted. The Committee reported resolutions on the death of the late William Prescott Smith, and then adjourned.

Bridget Sullivan, of Springfield, Ohio, who assaulted and cut a former lover, named Griffin, one night last summer, made a second assault upon him yesterday, in a magistrate's office, Griffin having had her arrested for threatening his life. The instrument used was a huge butcher knife. Sullivan, who is undoubtedly insane, was at once arrested and locked up in jail. She expressed regret that she had not killed the young man.

INDIANAPOLIS.

The North American Bee-Keepers' Convention.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 4.—The North American Bee-Keepers' Society met in the Supreme Court rooms at 9 a. m. The attendance is not large, but composed of the most prominent associations of several States. Mr. Quinley, the President, and Mr. Clark, of Canada, Vice President, occupied the chair. The session was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Clark, the Vice President. This is the second session of this association in this city. The President delivered a most appropriate and eloquent address. He would greet the society in honied words. If He who causes two blades of grass to grow where one grew before is a benefactor, so is he a benefactor who causes two pounds of honey to grow or to be made where one grew before. The disaster of the past winter will not be soon forgotten, and no doubt the cause will be one of the subjects receiving attention. For his part, he had concluded that the verdicts of the Coroners' juries is the true one, to-wit: "Died by the visitation of God." While farming has its reverses, we may not expect an exception in bee culture, as that also has its ups and downs, and at times and in certain places produces wonderful returns. The superstition among the old bee keepers, and some in our day, was not slightly passed over. In short, the case of bees is a simple, plain, straightforward matter. There is not any mysteries. County and township organizations were recommended as among the most efficient aids to the general diffusion of knowledge. Any hive that contains frames of convenient size and shape is suited to the use of the honey extractor. Those honey hives have no sweeter honey than that produced by Sampson from the lion's carcass. In short, he advocated a simple hive, and advised the assembly to let the "patent-hive man" severely alone. He said, "Let us have a plain talk on these subjects." He then turned his attention to the *Bee Journal* and the press, which descended to bad grammar and bad temper, and which make their sheets a vehicle of personal ill-will.

Two questions would come up for discussion: First, will good treatment produce a more amicable disposition in the bee; and second, what caused the disaster of the past winter.

A Business Committee was appointed.

Dr. Baker, of Indiana, read a paper on the objects of this society. The paper was in part a censure of the officers for the non-appearance of former reports of the society, and which was accounted for on the common axe-grinding principle. He also turned his attention to the past course of some of the bee journals, that have given too much spare time to personal matters. Thus far cold water has been freely poured on the devoted heads of the "patent hive men," and they must be good meek and lowly souls if they show their hands at this meeting, for the members present have come here for practical purposes, and the patent men will have to take back seats. The numerous bee pamphlets that are sown broad-cast over the county, he said, were mere humbugs sent out to sell some patent hive or process that is utterly worthless. He proposed that the bee journals publish the full report of the proceedings of this meeting, so as not to be at the expense and delay of publishing in pamphlet form. This was cut up square on the enterprises of this class of journals, that they will do well to heed. He called attention to the value of bee-keeping for the ladies, as a pleasant and profitable industry.

The proper management of bees was taken up. Dr. Bower held that the disposition of the bee was inconstant, and they resented too great familiarity. You may gauge the matter with sweets, and then with ripe fruits.

Mr. Cross, of Illinois, held the contrary, as he was satisfied that the handling of bees made them more docile. This was more particularly the case with the pure Italian. He had no doubt that bees could be taught to know their keeper. He educated his bees.

Mr. Southworth, of Illinois, also held that bees could be educated.

Mrs. Tupper said that there appeared a wide difference in the disposition of swarms. Though they may not know their owner, they are susceptible of certain kinds of treatment. She would select queen bees from those hives of a mild disposition, and, in that way, in time, we expect a more amiable race of bees. It was certain that hives that are often opened are the least belligerent.

Mr. Moon took the position sustaining that of Mrs. Tupper. Some swarms may be domesticated, while others are regular fighters. He thought that by careful selection we would be able to produce a better race of bees. He would breed only from those hives that show an amiable disposition.

Several others took part in the discussion, and presented theories more curious than practical. The question was left in a mixed condition. My own private opinion is that smoke and gentle handling are better than all this moral suasion.

In the afternoon, the Business Committee recommended the employment of a special reporter, and that the proceedings be tendered to the bee journals for publication; the election of officers at 3 p. m.; the subject for the coming session, "Is bee keeping a desirable industry on all of our farms and in our suburban homes." The report was accepted and adopted.

The result for the election of officers resulted as follows: President, Wm. F. Clark, of Guelph, in the Dominion of Canada; Secretary, H. A. King, of New York; Corresponding Secretary, D. L. Adair, of Kentucky; Treasurer, M. L. Dunlap, of Illinois; Vice Presidents, B. Shipley, Ohio; Captain J. E. Heathington, New York; S. Hoagland, Indiana; Sylvanus Hill, Kansas; Dr. Kinsley; Dr. T. B. Hamlin, Tennessee; W. A. Schofield, Indiana; Prof. A. J. Cook, Michigan; Dr. Jewell Davis, Illinois; Mrs. E. S. Tupper, Iowa; L. C. Waite, Missouri; Dr. L. J. Dallas, Kansas; W. D. Roberts, Utah; E. J. Peck, New Jersey; A. H. Hart, Wisconsin; Hugh Cameron, District of Columbia; Dr. J. C. Clark, Ontario.

The question of annual dues was decided to be $1. The attendance has been largely increased by the evening train, and the meeting promises to be of unusual interest.

A BATCH OF ROBBERIES.

Pleasant Reading for Detectives and Patrolmen.

How a Guest at Anderson's Hotel Was Robbed.

Jewelry to the Value of $15,000 Stolen from Another European Hotel.

An $1,800 Pocketpicking Case and a West Side Burglary.

When the announcement was made of the Baltimore bank robbery, about four months ago, a prominent detective of this city, during a conversation about the acuteness of the burglars who did the work, made the remark, "The boys are coming slowly West." He meant by that, that Baltimore was nearer Chicago than New York. The next burglary of any prominence was one near Syracuse, N. Y., and those who heard the officer make the assertion quoted began to realize that he had spoken truly. He intimated that there would be some heavy robberies in Chicago this winter, and this also has been verified. There have been several New York thieves—burglars and hotel "workers"—in this city for a week past, and the first knowledge any one had of their presence was on Saturday night. On that evening Felsenthal & Son's rag factory, No. 160 South Desplaines street, was entered, and the safe blown open and robbed. The manner in which the safe was opened indicated that the person who did the work was an expert. The headquarters officers pooh-poohed the idea, claiming that the safe was so old and dilapidated that a boy could have kicked it open. Nothing valuable having been secured by the burglars, the detectives, of course, ceased working upon the case.

On Monday night

ANOTHER HEAVY ROBBERY

was committed. Anderson's European Hotel was the scene of it, and a gentleman named McMurray, from St. Louis, the victim. The theft was undoubtedly perpetrated by men who thoroughly understood the plan of the hotel, and the character and habits of the guests. Their style of work, and the speedy and quiet manner in which it was accomplished, indicate that they are old hands at the business. It is certain that the thieves were stopping at the house at the time. Mr. McMurray, it seems, was slightly under the influence of liquor on Monday night, so much so that, upon reaching his room, he lay down on the bed with his clothes on, and went to sleep, leaving the room door unlocked and the gas burning. When he awoke in the morning, he made a discovery which was calculated to startle a less nervous individual than he must have been after the little indulgence of the previous evening. He found that the pockets of his pantaloons and vest had been cut and carried off while he soundly slept, and that everything of value he possessed had been stolen. His pocketbook, containing several thousand dollars' worth of notes and papers and $185 in money, was gone, and his elegant gold watch and chain, worth something like $300, was nowhere to be found. Mr. McMurray presented a curious shower of smallness as fell upon himself and his folly, as he then sought the day clerk of the house. This worthy individual knew nothing of the robbery, as a matter of course, if he had seen anybody in the gentleman's room he would have ejected them, but he did not happen to observe any person in that particular locality, not having been there himself. Mr. McMurray then reported the robbery to the police authorities at the Central Station, and was informed that every assistance would be rendered him in the recovery of his property. Since then he has heard nothing of it from the Central Station. Yesterday, while standing in a room in Anderson's Hotel, thinking over his misfortunes, McMurray involuntarily let fall the statement that he would be willing to lose the money, and $100 to boot, if he could only get back the pocketbook and papers which it contained. The words were scarcely out of his mouth, when a well-dressed man approached, and handed him the missing documents. Not a word was uttered by either party, and when the strange business was transacted, the unknown walked out of the hotel. Mr. McMurray has not yet recovered his watch, but he expects to do so with the assistance of the accommodating gentleman who delivered up his papers. Mr. Anderson has placed a watch upon the books of all suspicious persons stopping at his hotel, and expects by this means to put an end to the fear of midnight robberies on the part of his guests.

On last evening

ONE OF THE LARGEST ROBBERIES

which have been committed in this city for years, was perpetrated at Kuhn's Hotel, on Dearborn street, just south of Madison. Over $15,000 worth of jewelry were stolen by a thief who was lodging there. Every effort was made by the proprietor to prevent the fact becoming known, and THE TRIBUNE reporter, who procured the information, cannot publicly acknowledge the kindness of the guest at the hotel who gave him the points. The thief occupied room No. 21. Directly opposite, separated by an area-way, by which light is admitted to the rooms on the lower floors, was the room of N. Aronson, importer of watches and manufacturer of jewelry, whose place of business is at No. 2 Bond street, New York. In one corner of the room was a large trunk, in which there was an assortment of gold watches, ear-rings, breastpins, rings, and other trinkets, representing in value between $15,000 and $16,000. Mr. Aronson was at supper. The thief was not, and was aware of the absence of the jeweller. Lifting up the window of his room, he got into the area-way and crossed to Aronson's window. The sash was up, but the inside blinds were closed and clasped together. With the aid of a jimmy, the burglars forced open the blinds, and was on the other side of them in a minute. Within five minutes the trunk was empty, the lid having been pried open, and the jewelry emptied from the cases in which it was placed for preservation into a valise belonging to the thief. The man returned to his room through the two windows, seized his hat, and walked leisurely down stairs, leaving the door of his room open and the gas lighted. Walking up to the clerk's desk, he paid his bill, threw the door-key on the counter, and left the house. It was noticed that he held his valise near his breast, and one of the porters thought he had something beneath his coat. Instead of following the man, a servant was sent to his room, and found it in the condition stated. By the time he returned and reported, the thief was beyond pursuit.

For the information of the police, it is stated that the man who robbed Kuhn's hotel is about 5 feet 8 inches in height, has black hair, and a small goatee, and was very genteely dressed, and very gentlemanly in his manner and conversation.

It is due to Superintendent Washburn to say that it is rumored that he has had detectives watching the hotels. If he would adopt the course suggested by a few directions in a communication published in THE TRIBUNE in October last—arrest all thieves upon sight and compel them to leave the city at once—there would be no heavy robberies committed in Chicago. Unless he does do something of the kind, there will be no end of burglaries and robberies here this winter.

A POCKET-PICKING CASE.

A cattle-drover, named Lynch, who has been stopping at the Adams House for some days past, was robbed of $1,800 last evening while proceeding from the hotel to the Central depot in an omnibus. He suspects that the person who sat next to him knew that he had the money with him, and rode in the omnibus for the purpose of picking his pocket. As he did not miss the money until after he reached the depot, and as no one left the omnibus at that time disappeared, it is probable that the plunder will never be recovered, or the pickpocket arrested. This railroad omnibus game is, without doubt, another device of the New York hotel-thieves.

A WEST SIDE BURGLARY.

The hat and cap store of Harris & Stone, No. 101 West Madison street, was entered on Sunday night and between $700 and $800 worth of goods stolen. The thieves bored a hole through the floor, and gained access to the establishment in that way. Last evening a candy-maker, named Joseph Jacobs, was arrested by Policeman McMillan upon suspicion of having been implicated in the burglary. He had on a cap which was identified by one of the firm as his property. Jacobs was locked upin the Sixth Precinct Station. He claims that he had nothing to do with purloining the hat, asserting that he purchased it from some one whose name he would not divulge.

POLITICAL.

THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

ILLINOIS.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 4.—The Electoral College of Illinois met in the Hall of the House of Representatives to-day, at 12 o'clock, and was called to order by Henry Greenebaum, who, on taking the chair, made the following remarks:

"I have the honor to welcome here the Honorable gentlemen, the Presidential Electors elected by the people of the State of Illinois, to cast, in accordance with law, for President and Vice President of the United States. The occasion, indicating the highest civilization of any people on the face of the wide earth, is rendered the more important, inasmuch as, by the inscrutable dispensation of Providence, the distinguished and honored son of our own State, for whom you will cast your votes for the highest office in the gift of the American people, is at the same time the last honor engaged in paying the last sad honors to the distinguished citizen of the United States, who was our opponent in the late canvass. Gentlemen, I am ready to hear nominations for Presiding Officer of this College."

On motion, the Hon. John Dougherty was made President of the College. He thanked the Electors for the honor, and said he was prouder of the office than of any he had ever been called on to fill.

General John L. Kinaker was made Secretary, and, upon ballot, U. S. Grant received 21 electoral votes for President, and Henry Wilson 21 votes for Vice President.

The College met at the Capitol at 12 o'clock, in accordance with the Statutes of Illinois and the following Section of the Statutes-at-Large for the United States, Section 3, Chapter 8, approved March 1, 1872, which reads:

"That the Electors shall meet and give their votes on the said first Wednesday in December at such place in each State as shall be directed by the Legislature thereof, and the Electors in each State shall make and sign three certificates of all the votes given by them, and seal up the same, certifying on each that a list of the votes of such State for President and Vice President is contained therein, and shall, by writing under their hands, or under the hands of a majority of them, appoint a person to take charge of, and deliver to the President of the Senate of the said United States Government before the first Wednesday of January then next ensuing, one of the said certificates, and the said Electors shall forthwith forward by the post Office to the President of the Senate of the said United States another of the said certificates, and shall forthwith cause the other of the said certificates to be delivered to the Judge of that District in which the said Electors shall assemble.

In furtherance of the objects of the meeting of the Electoral College, the following certificate, embodying the action of the College, was adopted:

The undersigned electors of President and Vice President, duly elected and appointed by the State of Illinois, in the manner and form, as provided by the law thereof in such case made and provided, we will appear by the certificate of the Governor of Illinois hereto annexed, and convened for the purpose of casting the vote to which said State is entitled for President, and Vice President of the United States, at the State House in the city of Springfield, the capital of said State, on Wednesday, the fourth of December, A. D. 1872, being the first Wednesday of said month, at the hour of 12 o'clock m. of said day; and there being then and there present Henry Greenebaum, David T. Linegar, Chauncey T. Bowen, Lester L. Bond, Mahlon D. Ogden, Richard L. Divine, James Shaw, Norman H. Ryan, Jr., Josiah J. Caswell, William Selden Gale, William H. Henderson, Moses M. Bane, George A. Sanders, Hugh Fullerton, Martin R. Thompson, Jacob W. Wilkin, John F. VanDoreston, John J. Rinaker, John Dougherty, William H. Robinson, all of which is of record in the office of the Secretary of State of Illinois, and they are appointed and met to-day to give their votes in accordance with the law of the United States thereto enacted. In testimony whereof, I hereto sign my name, and cause to be affixed the great seal of State. Done in the City of Springfield this fourth day of December, A. D. 1872.

(Signed) JOHN M. PALMER, Governor.

By the Governor: EDWARD RUMMEL, Secretary of State.

These certificates in duplicate were enclosed in envelopes separately, and indorsed:

"We, the undersigned, Electors of the President and Vice President of the United States, elected and appointed by the people of the State of Illinois, on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, A. D., 1872, do hereby certify that a list of the votes for President and Vice President of the United States, as agreed upon by us on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1872, is contained herein."

(Signed by all the Electors.)

The Hon. Wm. D. Henderson, of the Tenth District, was appointed Messenger to the seat of Government, and received this certificate:

United States of America, State of Illinois:

This is to certify that the Hon. Wm. D. Henderson has been appointed Special Messenger of the Electoral College of Illinois at their session in Springfield, Ill., this fourth day of December, A. D. 1872, to take charge of and deliver to the President of the Senate at the seat of Government, a certified list of the votes of the State of Illinois for President and Vice President of the United States. Witness the hands of Electors of said State.

(Signed by all the Electors.)

WISCONSIN.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 4.—The Wisconsin Electoral College met in the Governor's room at the Capital to-day, several citizens being present. On motion of W. E. Cramer, of Milwaukee, H. D. Barron, of St. Croix, was chosen President, and Geo. E. Hoskinson, of the Green Bay *Gazette*, Secretary. A despatch was received from Judge Romanzo Bunn, of Monroe County, one of the Electors, that, owing to his failure to make railroad connections, he was unable to be present, a circumstance which happened to the Elector from the same district four years ago. The Hon. Gysbert Van Steenwyk, of LaCrosse, was chosen in his place. Ten votes each were cast for U. S. Grant for President and Henry Wilson for Vice President, and George M. Swain was chosen messenger to take the certified result to Washington.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MICHIGAN.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 4.—The Michigan Presidential Electors met at Lansing, at noon, to-day, in the Senate Chamber. Present: Messrs. Wood, Keifer, Waldorf, O'Donnell, Duncan, Sessions, Woods, Grimas. Absent: Brown, Howard, and Ives.

Mr. Sessions was made Chairman, and O'Donnell, Secretary. A recess was then taken till 1:30 p. m. On reassembling the places of the absentees were respectively filled by General Humphrey, Wm. H. Brockway, of Albion, General Halbert, J. B. Shank, of Lansing. The Electors then cast a unanimous vote for Grant and Wilson, balloting for each. Mr. O'Donnell was appointed messenger to carry the news to Washington. Gen. W. Hopkins, of Detroit, was appointed to carry the result to Judge Longyear.

OHIO.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 4.—The Presidential Electors assembled in the Senate chamber at 12, noon, and, with a proper amount of solemnity, all cast their votes for U. S. Grant for President, and Henry Wilson for Vice President.

NEW YORK.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 4.—The Electoral College to-day reassembled, and cast their ballots for Grant and Wilson. Frederick Douglass was appointed as the messenger to convey the vote to Washington. Resolutions appropriate to the death of Mr. Greeley were adopted.

MARYLAND.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 4.—The Electoral College met to-day, and cast a unanimous vote for Hendricks, of Indiana, for President. Suitable resolutions were passed on the death of Horace Greeley.

INDIANA.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 4.—The Electors for President and Vice President assembled in the hall of the House of Representatives this morning, at 10 o'clock. Major Jonathan N. Gordon was called to the Chair, and J. L. Allison appointed Secretary. After some preliminaries, the vote for Grant and Wilson was cast in the regular way.

An appropriate resolution on the death of Greeley was offered by Mr. Ellis, and was adopted with deep feeling.

MASSACHUSETTS.

BOSTON, Dec. 4.—The Electoral College of Massachusetts met to-day, and cast an unanimous vote for Grant and Wilson.

CONNECTICUT.

HARTFORD, Dec. 4.—The Connecticut Presidential Electors met to-day, and cast their votes for Grant and Wilson.

PENNSYLVANIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4.—The Electoral College of Pennsylvania met at Harrisburg to-day, and cast the votes of the State for Grant and Wilson.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

CONCORD, Dec. 4.—The Electoral College of this State to-day cast an unanimous vote for Grant and Wilson.

VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND, Dec. 4.—The Presidential Electors to-day cast the vote of the State for Grant and Wilson.

MISSOURI.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 4.—The Electoral College of Missouri met in Jefferson City this afternoon, and after filling vacancies and adopting a resolution of respect to the memory of Horace Greeley, adjourned till evening. There is said to be a difference of opinion among the Electors as to the vote the votes shall be cast for, and a decision is not expected till a late hour.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 4.—The Electoral College, at the night session, reached no decision as to how the vote should be cast, and adjourned till to-morrow.

TENNESSEE.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 4.—The Electoral College met to-day and cast the vote of the State for Governor Hendricks, of Indiana, for President, and Gratz Brown for Vice President. Mr. Gordon, of Memphis, was chosen Messenger, to carry the vote to Washington. Resolutions in honor of Greeley were adopted.

ARKANSAS.

LITTLE ROCK, Dec. 4.—The Secretary of State to-day declared the Grant Electors elected in this State by majorities ranging from 8,000 to 4,000. The Electors met at the State House and cast the vote for Grant.

IOWA.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 4.—A full delegation of the College cast a unanimous vote for Grant to-day. The Hon. Elijah O'Dell was selected messenger to Washington.

RHODE ISLAND.

PROVIDENCE, R. I. Dec. 4.—The Presidential Electors met in Bristol this afternoon, and cast the vote of the State for Grant and Wilson.

GEORGIA.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 4.—The Electoral vote of Georgia was cast to-day, with the following result:

For President—B. Gratz Brown, 6; Horace Greeley, 3; Charles Jenkins, Georgia, 1.

For Vice President—B. Gratz Brown, 5; General A. H. Colquit, Iowa, 5; General N. P. Banks, Massachusetts, 1.

INDIANA LEGISLATURE.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 4.—The Senate was not in session.

In the House several Committees reported back bills with recommendations, after which the Select Committee appointed to take action on the death of Horace Greeley, reported a feeling tribute to his private virtues and eminent public services, which was concurred in by a rising vote, and the House stood adjourned until to-morrow morning.

BOSTON CITY POLITICS.

BOSTON, Dec. 4.—The City Republican Convention, at its late meeting to nominate candidates for Aldermen, adopted and subsequently reaffirmed a resolution to confine its nomination within the Republican party. Henry L. Pierce, the Republican nominee for Mayor of Boston dissents from this position, and declines the candidacy, saying in his letter: "As every citizen has a deep interest in the welfare of the city, all are entitled irrespective to their political opinions to a fair representation in its Municipal Government."

NEW YORK CITY POLITICS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—At a meeting of the Apollo Hall Executive Committee, last night, resolutions were offered declining all propositions to coalesce with Tammany, calling on all Democrats to unite with Apollo Hall, and advising the election of only one delegate from each election district.

The Mayor has appointed Richard M. Blatchford a Park Commissioner, in place of the late Robert G. Dillon, and Rufus G. Beardsley to the Department of Public Instructions, in the place of Judge Van Vorst.

THE WISCONSIN SENATORSHIP.

MADISON, Dec. 4.—The dispatch sent from here to the *Times*, about E. W. Keyes being a candidate for United States Senator, is all bosh. Unless Senator Howe dies, or refuses re-election, he will be chosen Senator without opposition.

VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 4.—The General Assembly met to-day. The Governor's message represents education and the finances flourishing; recommends a thorough system of immigration with State aid, and thinks the General Government ought not to undertake the completion of the James River and Kanawha Canal, but might lend the aid of its credit on safe conditions.

MADISON.

Odd Fellows' Encampment--Election of Officers.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, Dec. 4.—The Wisconsin Grand Encampment of Odd Fellows began its twenty-fifth session here last evening. David Whitton, Most Worthy Grand Patriarch presiding, and most of the other officers present, and representatives from the fifty-four Encampments. The reports of the Grand Patriarch, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, and R. W. Grand Representatives were read, showing the order to be in a decidedly prosperous and flourishing condition in Wisconsin. To-day the following officers for the ensuing year were chosen. M. W. G. P., H. S. Sackett, Berlin; M. E. G. H. P., W. Reynolds, Green Bay; R. W. G. S. W., John H. Vivian, Mineral Point; R. W. G. Scribe, L. B. Hull, Madison; R. W. G. Treasurer, David Adler, Milwaukee; R. W. G. J. W., W. Cook, Eau Claire; R. W. G. Representative, L. H. Kellogg, Milwaukee. Trustee, H. B. Hinsdale, L. H. Kellogg, Lewis Silber.

After the election of the above officers, the Grand Encampment closed its labors this afternoon, and the Grand Lodge convened at 7 o'clock this evening, with a large attendance of representatives from two hundred lodges throughout the State.

To-morrow night there will be a public reception in the Assembly Chamber, when a speech of welcome will be delivered by Governor C. C. Washburne, responded to by the Hon. M. C. Lindsley, of Green Bay, Grand Master. An historical address will be made by Past Grand Master A. J. Langworthy, of Milwaukee, and an address by Past Grand Representative, Rev. A. C. Barry, of Fond du Lac, the affair closing with a dance.

FIRES.

Destruction of Property Yesterday.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 4.—A house, owned by James Mooney, on East Columbia street, was destroyed by fire this morning. The steamers were drawn to the fire by citizens, making good time.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 4.—A fire in East St. Louis, this afternoon, burned the Green Tree Tavern, on Broadway, owned and occupied by John Herman; also five small frame houses and stables adjoining. Loss about $18,000; insured $3,000 each, in the Continental and Underwriters, of New York, and a small amount in St. Louis companies. A disastrous conflagration was threatened at one time, and an engine was sent from this city, which did effective service.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The stables of the Bushwick Avenue Railroad, in Brooklyn, with fifty horses and cars, were burned early this morning. The loss is $50,000.

The loss by the burning of the Bushwick Avenue Railroad stables, in Brooklyn, is $55,000. Seventy-five horses were burned to death.

Important Decision Under the Illinois Railroad Law.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Judge Wood decided the case of Stephen R. Moore v. the Illinois Central Railroad this morning. The question involved is the constitutionality of the law fixing the rates of passenger tariff. Judge Wood holds that the people, in their sovereign capacity, have no right, by a constitutional provision, to confer authority upon the Legislature to pass the law, nor has the Legislature any constitutional right to pass the law. He holds that railroads are public corporations when they want a land grant voted, or exercise the right by eminent domain, but private corporations, when their rates and tariff are interfered with, and the charter is a contract with the State beyond the control of the Legislature; that roads may charge what they please provided it is not extortionate or unreasonable, and this must be determined in each case when a party is agrieved, and is wholly a judicial question and not a legislative one. The plaintiff has appealed the case to the Supreme Court. The opinion excites much unfavorable comment with the people, who thought they had settle rights which the new Constitution granted them.

SPRINGFIELD.

The Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners--Sad Case of Insanity.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 4.—The Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners held a session to-day. Nothing but routine business was transacted. The reports of the Registrar and Inspector of Grain at Chicago were received, and will be incorporated in the report of the Commissioners. The question of the change in the law and formation of the Blanks under it were not discussed to-day. The Board will adjourn for a few days to await some reports from the railroad campaigns.

Mrs. Miller, wife of the fireman who was so badly injured at the explosion at the rolling-mill here, has become insane. It is supposed to be only temporary, and will, no doubt, yield to treatment. Her husband still lingers in great suffering.

DUBUQUE.

Suicide--A New Disease in Walworth County.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Nov. 4.—A German, about 40 years old, named George Robisch, shot himself through the heart with a shot gun this morning, causing, it is thought, instant death. Liquor is supposed to be the cause of the deed, as he came home last night very much intoxicated, compelling his family to seek safety with the neighbors by threatening to shoot them. He had been married but two years, and is connected with some of the most respectable German families in the city. He leaves a wife and two children.

A disease declared by skilful medical men to have the same symptoms as the epizootic is spreading among the people of Walworth County, Wis.

The New York Insurance Companies.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The New York insurance companies, alluded to in yesterday's special telegram as not yet having made up their impairment by the Boston fire, all claim to be perfectly solvent, and, as was stated, promise to make up all impairment within the period allowed them by law. The Lenox Company publishes a card denying that it has been examined by the State Commissioner, and states, further, that its loss at Boston is only one-sixth of its surplus. The agent of the Niagara and Hanover Companies says that their impairment has been met by a reduction of capital. As has been repeatedly stated, only five New York insurance companies have succumbed to the Boston fire. The remainder are solvent, so far as known, and when all have made up their impairment, the fact will be promptly chronicled.

Mysterious Suicide.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

VALPARAISO, Ind., Dec. 4.—The dead body of a man was found this morning in a grove near town. From all appearances, before entering the grove he had made two unsuccessful attempts at suicide by butting his head against the fence, after which he went into the grove and tied his scarf to the limb of a small tree and around his neck, then laid himself down, and died partially suspended. He was an entire stranger here, no person as yet having recognized him. He is a rather large and well-built man, about 35 years of age, hair and beard sandy. Some people here are of the opinion that there has been foul play in this case. The Coroner's verdict has not yet been rendered.

Utah Items.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 4.—A little Mormon girl, 5 years old, was burned to death at Bear Lake Valley a few days ago, in consequence of her clothes taking fire from a stove.

Benjamin Savensen was murdered at the San Pete coal beds on Saturday by Matt. Daley. Cause, drunkenness.

Grand preparations are making by the Masonic fraternity for the celebration of St. John's Day.

About two hundred tons of ore per day are taken from Little Cottonwood.

There are heavy receipts of bullion from the South the new mines.

The weather is extremely propitious. There is little or no snow in the mining districts. All kinds of business is brisk.

MISCELLANEOUS CITY ITEMS.

A crowd of South Side loafers and thieves was arrested and locked up in the Harrison Street Station last evening. It is composed of such men as Dick Lane, John Berry, Gustav Traum, Henry Clayton, George Lathrop, Joseph Harris, Frank Bunch, Court McKinney, and Gus. Green.

While Michael O'Neil, of No. 116 Carroll street, was passing the corner of Fulton and Desplaines streets, at 7 o'clock last evening, he was struck on the head with a stone. One of a party of lads who were indulgin in the amusing pastime of hurling stones at one another, threw the missile. O'Neil's cap was severely cut, but the wound is not considered dangerous.

EXTINGUISHMENT OF FIRES.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: How to preserve ourselves from devastating fires, is now a prominent question. Recent events have shown:

First—That, after sufficient progress has been made by fire, and a given temperature reached in its front, the usual means for arresting its progress are futile.

Second—That no material now known, which can be advantageously used in the construction of buildings, can, under the circumstances given